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## Sparks and Splinters

Rev. Jno. Maguire welcomed 80 new members into Calvary Church, Birmingham, as a result of a meeting in which he was helped by J. L. Noge and Theo. Farr.

Miss Annie D. Denmark, President of Anderson College in South Carolina, will make the commencement address for the W. M. U. Training School in Louisville, Ky., May 2.

In his eleven years as pastor of Druid Hills Church, Atlanta, Dr. L. D. Newton has welcomed 1,128 members by baptism and 2,486 by letter. Total contributions \$786,632.58.

Recently a member of the Mississippi legislature said to us that he had found members who favored liquor were not only not to be trusted in matters concerning liquor, but on any other subject.

The Orphanage received last year for the building fund \$3,592.67. Designated gifts through the Baptist Convention Board office and \$23,071.47 sent direct to the Orphanage and contributions secured by our field representative, Rev. Bryan Simmons, making a total of \$26,664.14.

Last week First Church, Vicksburg, conducted a Sunday School Training Course having four classes which were taught by two of their own members and by brother Polk of Pt. Gibson and Rev. J. M. Cook of Bowmar Ave. Church. They had two evening periods a day with an address in between by various denominational representatives. It was the editor's privilege to speak on The Baptist Record Thursday evening. Pastor Haworth is happy in the healthy growth of the church which now has over 1,000 members, and a congregation which overflows the auditorium. Something will have to be done about it. They have a new educational annex which provides splendidly for all the auxiliary work.

Dr. J. E. Dillard said when he was in the pastorate he divided his membership into three classes; those who came to all services, those who came occasionally, and those who never came. He found upon observation that those in the first class lived longer, had less sickness, paid less money for doctors' bills and hospital bills. The health of the members was in proportion to their faithfulness to the church.

It's hardly a matter to make a fuss about, but it will save possible confusion to remember that since the union of three Methodist bodies in America there are now 7,500,000 members of the united body. This is more than there are in any one Protestant body, but Baptists in America number over 10,000,000, though they are not in one body, or organization. However being in different organizations does not make different denominations.

The young people of the Webb Baptist Church are sponsoring a Youth Revival beginning Sunday, April 21, and continuing through Friday, April 26. They have secured the services of Andrew Coltharp, senior at Mississippi College, who will do the preaching, and James Fairchild, Jr., of Wesson, Miss., a last year's graduate at the Copiah-Lincoln College who will direct the senior and junior choirs and render special numbers. We covet the prayers of God's people in our first effort in this type of meeting.—J. H. Pennebaker, Pastor.

SUNDAY, MAY 12th IS MOTHER'S DAY. Let all of the churches, Sunday schools, W. M. U.'s, B. T. U.'s and Brotherhoods begin to make plans for a large cash offering for the Baptist Orphanage.

By a 96 percent vote the stockholders of the Curtis Publishing Company refused to accept liquor advertising in The Saturday Evening Post, continuing the present policy. Walter D. Fuller, president of the company, said that the directors are convinced that such advertising would not be profitable, but would increase operating costs, particularly in the circulation department.

From Rev. J. C. Murphy, secretary of the presbytery, we have an account of the ordination of H. A. Hunderup, Jr., by the Fellowship Church at Lorman. Rev. R. A. Eddleman was moderator and Dr. M. O. Patterson led in the examination and preached the sermon. Others taking part in the examination were Dan Emerick, H. H. Bolls, G. S. Walters, H. B. Moore, R. O. Brassfield, Herbert Herrington, and Deacon R. V. May. A two hours examination satisfied the council as to the conversion of brother Hunderup, his call to the ministry and his doctrinal soundness. The church approved the report of the presbytery. Dr. Patterson preached a great sermon on the Call to the Ministry. Brother Murphy expressed conviction that the public examination was very beneficial to the church, and will prove helpful in the days to come.

New Hope is a new church organized by Evangelist E. D. Estes, just west of Drew. We had a wonderful revival under the ministry of brother Estes, and have been making good progress. Last Sunday 120 were present in Sunday school. It makes our hearts rejoice to see the interest that has been shown by the working members. The words of Jesus, "Blessed are they who hunger and thirst after righteousness" were brought vividly to our minds, for we feasted on the mountain top. We are grateful to the Convention Board and to our Heavenly Father for the coming of brother Estes.—Mrs. S. D. Bibb.

There are certain people with whom the Bible tells us to have no fellowship. Of course this has reference to the church. But good common sense will tell us that the same principle applies in other places. Under the name of "academic freedom," some people would use any sort of scape grace and rascalion to teach in tax supported schools. Some might go so far as to extend this liberty to a Christian school. But the common sense of people will protest against it. If a widow is making a living by keeping a boarding house, would she be compelled to allow at her table any degenerate that comes along?

The Baptist Orphanage depends very largely for its support fund upon voluntary contributions from our churches, Sunday schools, Missionary Societies and individuals. Last year contributions from these sources amounted to \$18,535.47. The Orphanage also receives 6% of the money contributed through the Cooperative Program. Last year contributions from this source amounted to \$4,659.19. Should our churches, Sunday schools, Missionary Societies, B. T. U.'s, Brotherhoods and individuals give more money for the Baptist Orphanage than they did last year? Yes. The Orphanage needs additional funds in order to continue with their building program in erecting buildings that are needed. Also to supply the needs of the many children committed to our care as Mississippi Baptists.

We published last week the report prepared by a special committee to make at the next meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention, answering the invitation to join the World Council of Churches. As we expected the report recommends that Southern Baptists respectfully decline the invitation. We doubt not the report will be adopted by the Convention, after proper discussion.

The following telegram was received Sunday: "Mother slipped away quietly at 9:40 tonight. Burial here Monday afternoon." Signed, Wistar Hamilton, Jr. Mrs. Hamilton was the wife of Dr. W. W. Hamilton, president of the Baptist Bible Institute. It was our privilege to be often in their home. She was one of the most cheerful persons in suffering I have ever known. She was a genuine Christian helpmeet for her noble husband, deeply interested in the Lord's work and always a strength to every good cause. She was born in Oxford, Miss., nee Zula Doyle, the product of a Christian home, and after her marriage entered with hearty good-will into all the work of a preacher's wife. To them were born three sons and a daughter. The daughter passed away a few years ago. One son Dr. W. W. Hamilton, Jr., teaches in the Baptist Bible Institute. We join the host of friends in expressing to the bereaved husband and sons our heartfelt sympathy.

Dr. W. O. Carver has this to say about President Roosevelt's appointment of a representative to the pope, as published in the "Periscope": Once again we are face to face with the fact that our very able and earnest President either has no proper appreciation of the American principle of the separation of church and state or that he does not believe in the principle. Americans need to be on their guard in this matter. On what basis is the head of the Roman Church the arbiter of the relations of the nations and to be recognized as chairman of all the peace-seeking forces and factors of the world? Why should the President of the United States acknowledge the supremacy of someone else in the peace movement? The drawing of the President of the Federation of the Churches of Christ in America and the head of the Jewish organizations into this movement is superficially wise, but it is ultimately a defeating method. It is amazing that Dr. Buttrick fell into the very curious statement that in accepting the President's invitation he was glad to have "a public opportunity to express our cordial greetings to His Holiness the Pope." Does Dr. Buttrick represent American Protestantism in that attitude and declaration? After this was drafted it came out that the White House publicity was so managed as unintentionally, of course, to make the false impression that the President of the Federal Council of Churches knew of the appointment of Mr. Taylor before he accepted the President's invitation to confer with him. We are in perilous times concerning our fundamental religious freedom. We must not allow even the passion for peace to be manipulated to lead us into subordination to the claims of ecclesiasticism, nor to fresh entanglements between the political state and religious institutions, nor to contribute support to the claims of the Pontiff of Rome to be the rightful head of all the nations. The "personal representative" phrase is sheer subterfuge. No man in America would have occasion for personal representation in this case. It is not "Mr. Roosevelt" but "the President of the United States" who is to be represented.—W. O. Carver.



## Sparks and Splinters

Dr. V. H. Cowser will be in Mississippi for several weeks, and is available for supplying pulpits while in the state. Address him at Ratliff Hall, Clinton.

At Unity Church Sunday 85 out of 98 members were present. In the afternoon the Green County S. S. Association met at Cedar Grove. Two state workers present; great inspirational meeting. Jessie Pearl Walley, Sec.

Rev. R. A. Morris preached the commencement sermon for Lake H. S. Sunday morning and his pulpit at Newton was supplied by brother L. Moore, a student in Clarke College whom he commends as suitable for the pastorate of nearby churches.

We are sorry to hear that Dr. J. W. Jent of Oklahoma Baptist University will not be able to attend the Southern Baptist Convention meeting in Baltimore. But the resolution with reference to country churches which he proposed will be offered by Dr. E. P. Alldredge of the Sunday School Board. Dr. Jent goes to Baylor Hospital for treatment.

A committee of twenty-five, appointed by the pastor three weeks previously, brought in Sunday night, April 14 over \$135.00 to be used in painting the church at Bogue Chitto. Although some thought it could not be done now, everyone was well pleased, and more money is coming in. The painting and repair work will be done during May.—M. J. Anderson, Pastor.

A Training Union director the other day built her general assembly program around the theme of "Religion and Education." She brought out the fact that in reading the Baptist Record she found that approximately 95% of the leaders in our denomination were educated in denominational schools. Bringing it down to her own community, she noted that the most active church workers had been educated in Mississippi's Baptist colleges. Check on your church members the next time you try to evaluate religious education.—E. H.

A ten day revival meeting closed at Catchings Friday night, April 12 in which Pastor E. Y. Soileau welcomed 17 new members, eleven on a profession of faith and six by letter. Rev. J. N. Miller of Church Point, La., a former pastor of Mississippi, brought soul stirring messages both morning and evening to a full house. Brother Miller's coming among us will greatly strengthen the Lord's work. Prof. and Mrs. S. H. Price very efficiently and effectively assisted with the music during the meeting.—Reporter.

So often the Baptist Record has reports of extension work in mill sections, country churches, and negro churches by the Baptist Student Unions of our junior colleges and senior colleges. If the B. S. U. did nothing but point the way for our college students to do such active mission work, it would be worth what it costs to have student secretaries in state and denominational colleges. By the way, these student secretaries for our college B. S. U. work are products of our Baptist colleges. Think of that when your church reports on its contributions to the Cooperative Program. Your contribution makes this possible, and through your gifts, many such fields are reached. It makes one proud to be a Baptist. E.H.

The churches in Lebanon Association will conduct an intensive evangelistic campaign in their churches during April, May and June; four pastors in each meeting, a different group in each church. The church members are urged to go afield for the lost, five nights in each church. The people are urged to give themselves earnestly to this work, and great hope is entertained for the revelation of the glory of His grace. Main Street Church, Hattiesburg, of which Rev. J. A. Barnhill is pastor will have brother T. W. Talkington with him as preacher, brother C. S. Moulder to conduct prayer meetings and brother J. H. Cothorn to direct personal work. Join them in prayer.

Palestine exported 8,212 tons of potash in the first three months of 1939.

Dr. Geo. W. Truett will be with Dr. M. E. Dodd and First Church, Shreveport, in a revival meeting April 23-May 2.

Most of the people in Finland belong to the Lutheran Church. There are about 800 Roman Catholics and 3,500 Baptists.

Liberty: We have voted to participate in the Ministers' Retirement Fund. A study course begins next week.—C. M. Day, Pastor.

Dr. E. L. Atwood after sixteen years of service has resigned as President of Tennessee College for Women at Murfreesboro.

Druid Hills Church, Atlanta, passed resolutions requesting President Roosevelt to recall Myron C. Taylor as ambassador to the pope. We propose to publish it as a guide to the churches desiring to take similar action.

Hillman College weathered the depression without having to place a mortgage, lien or incumbrance of any kind on any of the property. The enrollment this year is the largest since the high school department was discontinued.

The Hillman College Quartet has furnished special music in many churches recently and has rendered most acceptable service. Miss Mary Opal Crone is the director. It is a remarkably good quartet and the girls are glad to respond whenever they can serve.

Mrs. D. A. McCall recently delivered about 80 awards in Hillman College, where she is teaching Bible. Hillman girls are fortunate in having both Mrs. McCall and Mrs. G. W. Riley teaching Bible subjects. Other awards will be given before the close of the session.

We had brother Otis Perry with us in South Laurel Baptist Church for ten days, had 16 additions and the church was greatly revived. Bro. Perry is a great preacher, and is not afraid of the Gospel truth. He will be of great service to any of our churches. He is a fine mixer, consecrated and a great soul-winner.—B. E. Massey, Pastor.

Some time ago the lower house of the Mississippi legislature passed a bill taxing slot machines which include gambling devices of the most vicious sort. When the bill came to the senate it was made to apply to only those machines which are lawful in the state. We hope for decency's sake the house may at least agree to this amendment made by the senate.

Carmel Church, Lawrence County, has ordained two new deacons, brethren Guy Mitchell and Shelby Russell. The sermon was preached by Rev. Maxie Nelson, a student in the Baptist Bible Institute in New Orleans. The church was so impressed by the sermon that they sent it for publication in the Baptist Record to increase its usefulness. Brother Nelson is pastor of three churches in Lawrence County: Wanilla, New Hope and Topeka. He and his wife expect to be students in the B. B. I. next session.

Rev. Clarence Palmer who became pastor of the Baptist Church in Muscle Shoals City, Ala., a full time church at the beginning of 1940, has conducted 495 mission services in prison, county poor homes, CCC camps, colored schools and churches, etc., since January 1, 1935, in addition to pastoral and evangelistic work and his tours that have taken him to Cuba, Old Mexico, California, the Pacific northwest, New England and two trips to Canada.

The Baptists of Lena made their pastor and his wife rejoice when we moved on our new field April 11. In spite of the rain, the people met us at the pastor's home and in a short time everything was unloaded and put in its place. After these good people had gone, wife and I found the pantry filled with groceries and a nice supper on the table. Others are bringing us something every day. Words cannot express our appreciation for their kindness. We have learned to love them already. Pray for us as we labor among them.—A. A. Ward.

The General Board of North Carolina Baptists has authorized a campaign to raise \$250,000 to build a chapel for Wake Forest College. They have had no chapel since Wingate Hall burned in 1934, and students have had no place for general assembly. It is said that in the hundred and six years of the history of Wake Forest this is the first time the State Convention has led in the erection of any building on the campus.

Fifteen states and one foreign country are represented in the 1940 graduating class of Southern Baptist Seminary. There are forty-two students from Texas; thirteen from Oklahoma; ten from Alabama; seven from Arkansas; six from North Carolina; five from Florida; four from Tennessee; three from South Carolina; one each from Georgia, Kentucky, Washington, and New York; and one from Brazil. The following graduating students are from Mississippi: Mr. J. R. Smallwood, Laurel; and Mrs. Sanford Swann, Hollendale.

Dr. L. R. Scarborough was with Baptist Temple Church of Houston, Texas, Dr. T. C. Jester, pastor, in a ten days meeting. This was a ten-day simultaneous meeting with forty-six churches participating. One hundred fifteen people joined the Baptist Temple, and the total number of additions throughout the forty-six churches was more than fourteen hundred. Following the meeting in Houston Dr. Scarborough went to Oklahoma where he preached in three Indian Baptist churches. Dr. Scarborough delivered the ordination sermon of an Indian student in the Seminary, brother Louis King, at the First Baptist Church of Bowlegs, Oklahoma.

The cause of temperance has some good friends in the Mississippi legislature. They have prevented any legislation in favor of liquor. But so far no bills have been passed which advance the cause of temperance. Several bills are still in the committee which would greatly restrict the sale of liquor. If they can be gotten out of the committee they stand a good chance of passage. You may greatly help the cause by writing to members of the committee, particularly if they are from your county and urge the passage of these temperance bills. The committee on Temperance in the house consists of Elmer E. McCoy of Prentiss County, E. E. Arnold of Panola County, J. B. Blackwell of Benton and Tippah, W. W. Gresham of Sharkey, Chas. G. Hamilton of Monroe, J. D. Holder of Lee, H. O. Leavell of Pontotoc, E. McDevett of Clarke, James A. Morrow of Rankin, J. E. Newton of Clarke and Jasper, and A. L. Pennington of Newton. You may strengthen their hands in God.

## Pastoral Problems

By Norman W. Cox

The average church member would be very much surprised to know just how many Ego Exhibitionists we do have around in the majority of our congregations. Most of us are familiar with folks who want to sing, but who cannot sing. We know some who want to talk who can not talk, that is, they haven't anything to say that anybody else wants to hear. There are those who want to lead, but who cannot lead. Not a few want prominence and the work would be better off if they weren't much in evidence.

How to keep them in line and content where they will not harm the church not infrequently demands a wisdom greater than Solomon's.

Balanced over against them are the modest, timid ones, who can do far better than they realize and who could help much if they could be emancipated from the fear of failure. Not infrequently in the church there are members that have gifts that would greatly enrich it's work and services but their timidity cripples them. The problem then of how to keep some from talking who want to talk but should not and to get others to talking who ought to talk has from time to time concerned all of us.

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# EVERY CHRISTIAN SHOULD KNOW

By G. C. Hodge

## Every Christian Should Know What God As A Father Requires Of His Children.

He should know that God requires more of people under grace than he required under law. Under grace Christians enjoy many privileges that people under law did not enjoy, but every privilege brings with it a responsibility.

As a father, God requires his children to grow. God does not want his children to be spiritual dwarfs any more than an earthly father wants his children to be mental dwarfs. When people are born into the family of God they make the father's heart glad, but in due course of time he expects every one to be able to stand alone, to walk, to talk and to work for him anywhere. In 2 Peter 3:18 he commands every child of his "To grow in grace and in the knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ."

As a father, God requires his children to obey him. Obedience is the supreme test of one's faith. God says in Roman's 6:16, if we are his children we will obey and serve him, and if any man obeys the devil instead, he does so for no reason other than he is the devil's servant and not God's at all. Jesus said, "If ye love me, keep my commandments." "To obey is better than sacrifice."

As a father, God requires his children to work. They are to put the work of their father's kingdom above and before their personal interests. They are to pray for the will of their father, not their own will, to be done. They must work the works of him that sent them while it is day. Even children who are Christians must, like their elder brother, Jesus, be about their fathers business.

As a father, God requires his children to act toward each other as brothers and sisters in Christ. He said if one be overtaken in a fault, ye who are spiritual restore him in the spirit of meekness. In Matt. 5:22 God warns against being angry and calling each other names. He says they are not to be covetous, or jealous. They are not to hold hatred in their hearts, but are to forgive and love one another. "By this shall all men know that ye are brothers and sisters in Christ, and are his disciples, if ye have love one for the other."

As a father, God requires that his children shall do nothing that would bring reproach or dishonor to the family name, to the name "Christian." He says, "Let the lives you live be worthy of the gospel of Christ." Christians are to do more than merely obey the commands that are recorded in the Bible. They are to do the things that are pleasing to God whether specifically commanded or not. In 1 John 3:22 it is said, "Whatsoever we ask we receive of him because (1) we keep his commandments, and (2) do the things that are pleasing in his sight." There are people who cannot pray effectively because they are doing things which are displeasing to God and which bring reproach upon the name "Christian," and God cannot bless them while so doing.

Every Christian should know that God deals with his children as with sons. If they obey him he richly blesses and rewards them. If they fail to do the things he requires, they are disobedient children, and he deals with them as such. If they repent, he is faithful and just to forgive them, but if they do not repent, he chastens them. If when chastened they become stubborn, rebellious contrary and forsake the church and pout and criticise, God deals with them more severely. He takes from them the joy of their salvation and the power of his spirit and the value of their testimony and, as a tree with the blight sheds its fruit, so they cease to bear the fruit of the spirit, and become barren and useless to God and man. If they still refuse to repent, God says, in Psalm 89:32, 33, "Then will I visit their transgressions with the rod and their iniquity with stripes, nevertheless my lovingkindness will I not utterly take from them, nor suffer my faithful-ness to fail."

## HOW NEAR IS THE LORD?

We often express our sense of the reality of religion, our personal experience with God, our sense of his power working in us and through us, by speaking of his nearness. On the other hand most of us probably know how the Psalmist felt when he cried to God, "Be not far from the words of my roaring." Did he not say, "When thou criest aloud, I will not hear"? Physicists tell us that the attraction of gravitation is "inversely as the square of the distance." If that is true in the realm of the spirit, then our distance from God or our nearness to him makes a marvelous change in our religious experience. The children have a game they call "Hiding the switch." If a child in looking for it gets close, the others cry, "You're getting warm." Inversely they say "You are cold." Our religious experience goes through something of the same changes in temperature.

Jesus did not like to teach people at arms length. It is so much easier when they are close up. When the disciples disputed with one another about rank, "Jesus sat down and called the twelve to him." It makes all the difference if you are close to him. You have seen a mother when she wishes to say something serious to her little boy, first call him up close to her, and put her arm around him and speak to him in a low tone. I don't think Jesus ever "hollered" at his disciples. That is not his way. He wants them close to him.

It would help us to hunt out some scriptures like the following: "He is not far from any one of us, for in Him we live and move and have our being." "He is nigh unto all that call upon Him." "Be not far from me, O Lord, for trouble is near." "Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you." "But now in Christ Jesus ye that once were far off are made nigh in the blood of Christ." God made us for fellowship with Him.

## TEMPERANCE LEGISLATION

Three temperance bills have been introduced in the House, and have now been recommended favorably by the Temperance Committee.

Bill No. 894 is an enabling act, whereby co-operation of the Federal government is secured in enforcement of state liquor laws.

Bill No. 895 is a bill prohibiting advertising of all alcoholic liquor, including beer. Such a law is needed inasmuch as more than one-half the counties have voted beer out.

Bill No. 896 reinstates a law in effect thirty years, making possession of a Federal tax receipt (license) prima facie evidence of state liquor law violation.

These bills should be passed, also one introduced in the Senate forbidding sale of beer on Sundays.

CONTACT YOUR SENATORS AND REPRESENTATIVES AT ONCE URGING SUPPORT AND PASSAGE OF THESE MEASURES.

N. S. Jackson

That was a magnificent gesture for a cabinet member when he promised to resign if President Roosevelt is re-elected. All cabinet officers resign when a president is re-elected. Then it is up to the president to accept the resignation or decline it.

In a ten days revival in First Church, Dallas, with Pastor Geo. W. Truett preaching, there were 117 additions, 73 of them on profession of faith. There were whole families saved.

Editor F. M. McConnell in the Baptist Standard speaks of the installation of a baptistry in a Methodist Church in Dallas and says: "When a Methodist preacher delivers a sermon on baptism he ought to divide it into three parts: He ought to affirm that sprinkling is baptism and prove it by the Bible. Then he ought to affirm that pouring is baptism and prove it by the Bible. Then he ought to affirm that immersion is baptism and prove it by the Bible. Methodists should defend what they practice, all of it, or quit it. Baptists should insist upon such a course in all fraternal kindness."

## EXALTED MOTHERHOOD

God placed a crown upon a virgin's brow  
When He made her the mother of the One  
Who would atone for wrongs that men had done,  
And with triumphant hopes their souls endow.  
He truly honors every mother now  
Who for His glory rears a worthy son;  
Who for the love of right will never shun  
His duty nor an evil thing allow.

A godly mother gives a heritage,  
A precious boon to all she brings to birth,  
That guarded well will prove a priceless gem.  
And when life's gloaming ends her pilgrimage  
Will leave a legacy to bless the earth,  
But in return receive a diadem.

Wm. Jas. Robinson.

Kansas City, Mo.

Mrs. Edith Grantham Mayo of Rochester, Minn., has been named American Mother for 1940. She is the widow of the famous surgeon Chas. H. Mayo, and mother of eight children.

There were over 1,000 additions to the white Baptist Churches in St. Louis in a recent simultaneous revival. The Negro churches also participated, but we have no report of them.

Mrs. Belote who was recently appointed a missionary to China, along with her husband, is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Bigham of Sumner, Miss. She has studied at the Bible School at Columbia, S. C., and has this year finished her work at the Baptist Bible Institute in New Orleans.

Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary will have a series of dedicatory services with appropriate speaking and music April 29 through May 1, as they get into their new home at City Line and Lancaster Ave., Overbrook, Philadelphia. The program is exceedingly attractive, closing with an address by Dr. M. E. Dodd. We regret not being able to accept an invitation to attend.

Congratulations to Dr. Edgar Godbold, our Mississippian who is mission secretary in Missouri, and our best wishes to him and the lady who became Mrs. Godbold on April 12. Mrs. Godbold was the widow of Dr. G. L. Yates, who was pastor of First Church of Amarillo. In the recent past she has been church secretary in First Church, Oklahoma City. After a brief vacation, they will make their temporary home in Valentine Hotel on Broadway, Kansas City, Mo.

The Northwest Mississippi Pastors' Conference held an interesting meeting April 16 with President A. T. Cinnamon presiding and Pastor J. B. Middleton of Sardis as host. The Bible study (Romans 10) was led by Pastor Middleton and brother J. R. G. Hewlett of Charleston gave a suggestive blackboard talk on "The Ideal Church." Other features of the program were reports from the pastors; a symposium on "Sermon Outlines," led by Pastor Wm. O. Beaty of Coldwater; and "our Problems," led by Pastor H. L. Martin of Senatobia. Several members of the conference were unable to be represent and were greatly missed. The next meeting will be held at Sardis May 14.—H. L. Martin, Senatobia.

Speaking of the appointment by President Roosevelt of a representative to the Vatican the Christian Century says in part: "No one with even a mild degree of political intelligence imagines that the scheme launched at Christmas time originated spontaneously in the mind of Mr. Roosevelt. Like all such executive actions which involve a grant of special privilege or the official recognition of a special status, this action was the result of political pressure, direct or indirect, by the prospective beneficiaries of the action. That the Catholic hierarchy has been maneuvering for years to secure for the Vatican a recognized place in the official processes of American diplomacy, is a fact of common knowledge. It will not be denied by Catholics themselves. Their ambition is openly confessed. However devious and furtive may have been the means adopted to secure this recognition, the desire for it has not been concealed. While Protestantism slept, the hierarchy was able to accomplish its purpose."



# EDITORIALS

## THE RABBIT AND THE TARBABY

There is no story in all the books for children that has a more wholesome lesson than the one of Joel Chandler Harris on the rabbit and the tarbaby. It is too familiar to need repeating. You will recall the rabbits facing the tarbaby which Brer Fox had planted for him. And every time the rabbit struck the tarbaby his foot stuck, until he was held fast. There is another expression which teaches a similar lesson: "Every time he opened his mouth he put his foot in it."

President Roosevelt was by the juggling of the Roman Catholics manoeuvred into appointing a "special representative to the pope with ambassadorial rank." It becomes increasingly manifest that it was the consummation of a Romanist plan long held in abeyance waiting a favorable opportunity. There can be no doubt in anybody's mind who studies the history of Romanism that there goes along with this plan the expectation of political support from the Catholics who do not hesitate to deliver the Catholic vote to those favorable to them.

At first the Federal Council of Churches in America had the wool pulled over their eyes and entered into the scheme which sent an ambassador to the pope. But this organization's officials are finding a rude awakening, and are now expressing to President Roosevelt their apprehension about what it signifies. President Buttrick wrote to President Roosevelt for assurance that there was no purpose to establish a regular and permanent embassy to the Vatican. An answer was long delayed, and when it came was declared to be unsatisfactory, for these ambiguous words (characterized as weasel words by some) were used: "This appointment does not constitute the inauguration of formal diplomatic relations with the Vatican." This is not saying that such diplomatic relations do not now exist. Mr. Taylor has a regularly established ambassadorial office, and the Vatican has said that he is as much an ambassador as the representative of any other nation. He is to report not to Mr. Roosevelt personally but he is to report to "this government," and "on any matters which you may feel will serve the best interests of the United States. His mission is thus not limited to efforts at peace."

We give in this connection a part of a recent editorial from "The Christian Century." After speaking of Mr. Roosevelt's "amazing elasticity in the use of words," and his words as an empty generality, capable of any sort of interpretation, and ought never to have misled anyone, the editor goes on to say:

"Moreover, insofar as it has any meaning at all, its meaning is denied by events. 'Formal diplomatic relations with the Vatican' have actually been established. The council is on firm ground when it looks, as it does in this statement, behind the fair words of the President to the accomplished fact which his action was designed to produce and has produced."

The status of Mr. Taylor at the Vatican has passed beyond the point where any form of words which do not deal with actual facts can satisfy any realistic mind. Quoting from our editorial of March 20: "The ceremony in connection with Mr. Taylor's reception at the Vatican, including his letter of credence from Mr. Roosevelt, has formally and officially established him as an ambassador to the papal court. His activities are not those of an informal and unofficial personal representative of the President, but those of an official representative of the United States. He has been invested with the rank of an ambassador; he has received instructions as an ambassador to report to 'this government'; his sphere of observation and action has been defined for him, not in terms of a specific and limited task, such as world peace, but in broad terms which include 'any matters which you may feel will serve the best interests of the United States'; he has been accepted by the pope as a legally ac-

credited ambassador; he is discharging all the functions of an ambassador, even assuming those responsibilities which devolve on an ambassador within the frame work of diplomatic protocol, and he has established an embassy which is competent to function whether he is personally present in Rome or not. The United States now has formed an official diplomatic relations with the head of the Roman Catholic Church."

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## GOD'S HERITAGE

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In previous articles on the first chapter of Ephesians we have sought to draw attention to Paul's psalm of praise for God's eternal purpose of salvation in Christ, for its beginning in the actual redemption and forgiveness or removal of sin; for the resultant "wisdom and prudence," or soundness of mind and quickened intelligence; for the revelation which God has made to us of the far reaching purpose and revivifying everything under the headship and leadership of the Son of Man, putting all things under His feet, making Him head of the new creation, giving the whole creation a new and undreamed of unity in Christ; so that everything is related to everything else, having a common interest and a common purpose and a common life in Christ! What a vision is this! What a revelation!

Now in verse eleven he says we were made a heritage in Him, in whom also ye were sealed. Thus are all Christians whether Jews as Paul, or Gentiles as most of his readers, made a heritage and are given an inheritance. Notice how many times (ten times in about twelve verses) he repeats the words "in Christ," "in Him," or "in whom." In Him are all the purposes and promises of God. In Him is the unity of believers and the unity of all creation. If any man is in Christ there is a new creation.

Paul says "we were made a heritage." This most likely does not mean we were given an inheritance, though that idea comes later. But we were assigned as the heritage of Christ. When Palestine was taken away from the heathen nations, it was divided up among the tribes by lot, each one being assigned a part with fixed boundaries. And so when God possesses anew the world, and all the worlds, as the result of the redemption in Christ, those who were redeemed, or as expressed here, "who had before hoped in Christ," vs. 12, and in verse 13 "having also believed," these became God's special heritage. We were allotted to Him perpetually as His forevermore. Paul says in First Corinthians "Ye are God's husbandry," God's farm. Paul says this assigning of those who had been redeemed to be the special inheritance of Christ was according to the foreordaining purpose of God, verse 11, and unto the praise of His glory, the unfolding of the infinite goodness of God.

The same idea of this special heritage is further seen in verses thirteen and fourteen in which Paul includes the Gentile Christians in the same category, "ye also, having heard the word of the truth of the gospel . . . having also believed, ye were sealed with the Holy Spirit of Promise, which is an earnest of our possession, unto the redemption of God's own possession." To assure these Gentile Christians that they are included, that they are also God's own possession, He has given them too the Holy Spirit as the earnest and guarantee of their inclusion. They may know they are children of God by the Spirit which He has given us. That same expression about "God's own possession" is used by Peter, First Epistle 9:9 when he says, "Ye are a people for God's own possession," Am. Revised Version, which the King James Version translates by the confusing words "a peculiar people," a much abused phrase.

"Ye are an elect race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for God's own possession, that ye may show forth the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light; who in time past were no people, but now are the people of God."

## FILLED WITH JOY AND THE HOLY SPIRIT

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Those who wish to follow the series of articles on the Holy Spirit will find the words above in the last verse of the thirteenth chapter of Acts. The people spoken of were the new disciples in Antioch of Pisidia, where Paul and Barnabas, after leaving Antioch in Syria and working their way through Cyprus, had gone back to the mainland northward and preached for two sabbaths in the synagogue of the Jews. This resulted in the conversion of many: "as many as were ordained to eternal life believed." The new converts were both Jews and Gentiles.

The success of the gospel here stirred the Jews to hostility and persecution. Paul and Barnabas did as the Lord had directed; they fled to other cities to preach, leaving the new believers to carry on, which they seemed capable of doing, since they were "filled with joy and with the Holy Spirit."

You may have wondered how these first missionaries of the gospel could afford to leave new disciples face to face with new duties, new difficulties for which they had little or no training. And they were surrounded by enemies of the gospel who not only withstood their preaching, but did not hesitate to bring pressure to bear on them in the way of persecution. The answer to this question is The Holy Spirit. They would have been helpless and hopeless indeed if they had been left without such resource. The first twelve disciples had been left in a similar situation. They faced a hostile world when Jesus went away. They were at first terrified and utterly bewildered. But Jesus had made all provision for just such an emergency. He said "I will not leave you orphans (comfortless, desolate). I will pray the Father and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may be with you forever, even the Spirit of truth." This was their assurance and stay. The Holy Spirit had come and had done for them all that Jesus had said; all that they had needed.

What had happened to them they were confident would be true for those who believed through their word. And God did not disappoint them. In every place where they went the Holy Spirit went. And the Holy Spirit did not leave when they left. He shall abide with you forever. These missionaries could go on to other fields. They could preach the gospel to other cities. The Holy Spirit would and did abide with the disciples. What was true in Jerusalem and Caesarea and Antioch in Syria, in Samaria and in Cyprus was true in this far away land of Pisidia. As Peter said to Cornelius God makes no distinctions.

You may write it down as true on every mission field that unless the Holy Spirit is present and working the mission will fail. Jesus told the disciples not to undertake it without the Holy Spirit. Unless somebody is "full of the Holy Spirit," there is no use in tackling somebody who is "full of all guile and all villainy." The reason some of our mission fields have been failures is that those who represented the Lord have not been filled with the Spirit. In Japan we have attacked heathenism with our heads rather than with the power of the Holy Ghost. In Rome we have spent our energies in highbrow literature and have pleaded for houses of worship that would not be ashamed in the midst of Catholic cathedrals.

The victories that come through the witness and working of the Holy Spirit are always accompanied by great joy. These disciples in Antioch of Pisidia were "filled with Joy." They were witnessing the triumph of the gospel in their own souls, and in the whole city. They were overflowing with joy. The kingdom of God is righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit. In Samaria when Philip preached, "there was much joy in that city." The Eunuch "went on his way rejoicing." "The joy of the Lord is your strength." "The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, etc."

There may be evangelistic meetings in which joy is not conspicuous, but not when the people are filled with the Spirit. It is a serious situation in a church when there is no overflowing joy

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# FIRST CHURCH, MERIDIAN, ADOPTS EVERY FAMILY PLAN



**DR. NORMAN W. COX, Pastor**  
First Baptist Church, Meridian, Miss. The First Baptist Church has just adopted the EVERY FAMILY plan and now sends the Record to 430 families.

(Note—Dr. Cox' brother, Carey Cox is pastor at Terry. And he has and approves the EVERY FAMILY plan.)

"And they began to be merry." Luke 15:24a. With a list of 430 names the First Baptist Church of Meridian, Dr. Norman W. Cox, pastor, joins the growing list of progressive Mississippi churches that have adopted the EVERY FAMILY Plan of The Baptist Record.

Dr. Cox having been an editor himself, knows the value of a religious paper and made the EVERY FAMILY Plan one of his objectives when he began his pastorate at Meridian a few months ago.

In leading his church to take this progressive step, Dr. Cox feels that his people will be better informed, and that "informed Baptists are better than uninformed Baptists, other things being equal."

He feels that with the Record in the homes of all his members they will be more responsive to a progressive program such as is sponsored by this great church.

The text quoted at the beginning of this article expresses the feeling of all the Baptist Record workers.

Lauderdale County now has subscribers listed as follows: Oak Grove 1, Toomsaba 1, Macedonia 1, Bailey 1, Meehan 7, Poplar Springs 2, Collinsville 2, Eighth Avenue, Meridian 2, Russell 2, R.F.D. Meridian 3, Kewanee 3, MT. HOREB 10, MIDWAY 12, GOODWATER 15, Meridian Misc. 12, MARION 18, FIFTEENTH AVENUE 21, FELLOWSHIP 26, NEW HOPE 29, BETHANY 36, FORTY-FIRST AVENUE 54, HIGHLAND 59, MERIDIAN FIRST 430.

## THERE IS STILL ROOM FOR OTHERS.

Those who last week kept up the daily Bible readings in connection with the Sunday school lesson were struck by the contrast in the note of peace which you read from Isaiah about the wolf dwelling with the lamb and the young child playing near the hole of the asp, and what you read that day in the papers and heard over the radio about conditions in Europe. Yes it is a contrast. But the prophecy still holds good and the Lord will fulfill it. Isaiah wrote in times just like these today and for people in these same conditions. The heavens and the earth shall pass away but no word of the Lord shall fail. Hope thou in God, for I shall yet praise him.

**Pastor S. H. Jones of First Church, Brookhaven,** baptized 43 on a recent Sunday. New members continue to come in since the meeting closed.

in the hearts of the people. We sorely need the joy of salvation in our worship. If we are filled with the Spirit, our souls will be full of joy.

About 1,000 men attended the Oklahoma Baptist Brotherhood meeting in Oklahoma City, and they seemed to have a great revival spirit among them.

One result of the church loyalty campaigns is said to be better sermons by the pastors. Proper support for them will help all the preachers and through them the churches.

The pastor of First Baptist Church, Biloxi, G. C. Hodge, preached Sunday morning on The Nuts On Your Family Tree, and How They Are Grown. Several requested him to publish the message in tract form for distribution.—Reporter.

**Dr. J. N. McMillin, pastor at Louisville, Miss.,** writes that his church gave \$300.00 to the Co-operative Program for the first quarter. They hope to do as much or more each remaining quarter of this year. Dr. McMillin also states that they have twenty awaiting baptism from the regular services. Good news!

**First Church at Philadelphia** gave during the first quarter of this year to all mission objects \$507.86. This did not show on the report recently published in the Record as a large part of it was sent to the state secretary's office after Apr. 1.

**The training Union of Pleasant Hill Church in Copiah County** reports a successful week in study courses. Three classes were held with good attendance. The juniors and intermediates studied their respective manuals and the seniors studied the book "Investments in Christian Living" Thirty four received awards.—John W. Cook, Pastor.

**The men of the Newton Church** extend a cordial invitation of the men of this district to the Brotherhood Rally here May 10. They are planning a Brunswick stew, and would appreciate those who are coming to let us know how many to expect from each church. Had a fine study course in building a standard Sunday school last week, 27 took examination.—R. A. Morris, Newton.

**Buck Branch Church (Pearl River County)** had splendid Sunday school and worship services Sunday, the largest crowds in a long while. The "E. F. Plan" is helping. We are planning a church loyalty campaign for June, July and August, and a revival in May with Dr. L. Bracey Campbell preaching.—Eli Callahan, Pastor.

**There were sixty-eight professions of faith** in a two weeks meeting held by Barney Walker at the Anguilla Baptist Church just closing last night. A number were received by letter. This is the fourth meeting Barney Walker has held for me in this section and he has already been engaged to return to us on the second Sunday in April 1941 and we are expecting Hyman Appel-man in 1942.—B. B. Hall, Pastor.

**Pastor John Hingston reports 29 additions** to Trinity Church, New Orleans, a church surrounded by Catholics. It was a genuine revival, greatly strengthening the church, giving the members a new vision of their task. The singing was led by brother Culis Hays, from Quitman, Miss., a student in the Baptist Bible Institute. Rev. J. H. Avery of Highland Church, Meridian preached, whom the pastor describes as a Bible-centered preacher.

**Last Sunday the editor preached at Learned** on the concluding day of a week's program which Pastor W. L. Howse and the church had planned. They had well attended classes and good congregations throughout the week. We were pleased at the evident interest shown and the hopeful outlook. It was our pleasure to have dinner in the home of brother and sister Osborne, and enjoy the fellowship of the family, beside meeting a number of old friends.

**Pastor John W. Cook was happy to have** with him recently in his field of work Rev. Bryan Simmons, field representative of the Baptist Orphanage, and a group of children from the Home. Bro. Simmons and the group conducted the worship service at Fayette Sunday morning, visiting Elmo Church in the afternoon. Sunday evening they were at Pleasant Hill church with Union Church and New Providence Churches attending. As always the group from the Home was well received and found a definite place in the hearts of the people.

## GOING PLACES

By A. L. GOODRICH, Circulation Manager

Our Text: I Timothy 4:13a and 15b ("Till I come, give attendance to reading—give thyself WHOLLY to them, that thy profiting may appear to ALL." Our Motto: "Ask the people, they'll subscribe.")

### WEBB

Pastor J. H. Pennebaker being in Florida gave us the longwished for privilege of preaching at Webb. No prettier auditorium is to be found anywhere. We were told that they expect to make a final payment on the church debt during 1940, which we hope will enable them to then adopt the EVERY FAMILY Plan. They now have the 50 percent Plan. The people speak highly of Pastor Pennebaker. The Sunday School is ably led by Brother A. J. Cole. Mrs. Loma Dyess is doing a good job as W. M. U. President, as is A. J. Cole as B. T. U. Director.

And last, but certainly not least, was the hospitality of the A. J. Cole home.

In the afternoon Brother Cole took us to the Tallahatchie County Sunday School Association meeting. He told us to choose our subject. We did. The E. F. Plan.

Tallahatchie County has subscribers listed as follows: Enid 1; Charleston 5; CASCILLA 10; WEBB 12; PHILLIPS 14; PAYNES 14; TUT-WILER 30; Sumner 41.

### LEAKESVILLE

We took the morning preaching hour to tell the Leakesville saints about the EVERY FAMILY Plan and they believed us and adopted it then and there.

The Sunday School led by Brother J. W. Colbert is doing good work, as is the B. T. U. led by Brother L. E. Prine. When asked about the W. M. U. led by Mrs. J. W. Colbert one member said, "The W. M. U. is good all around." The Sunday School is now majoring on visitation. Sunday night the Junior choir is made up of members of the B. Y. P. U. Quite often the Sunday School teachers are 100 percent in attendance. The spirit of loyalty among the young people is most heartening.

Greene County's Record circulation is as follows: Unity 10; State Line 39; West Salem 27; Leakesville 57; Antioch 27.

### ANTIOCH-GREENE COUNTY

In the afternoon Pastor Stewart took us to one of his afternoon appointments, Antioch. Brother Price William is Sunday School superintendent. Miss Raybelle Parnell is B. Y. P. U. president. The Antioch people are faithful in their attendance, earnest in their efforts and appreciative—they gave pastor Stewart 5 hogs last fall.

After we explained the EVERY FAMILY Plan the pastor expressed his hope that the church would and told them that they could and they DID.

### MORE PROOF

Last year Knoxo adopted the EVERY FAMILY Plan. Since then they have painted and repaired the church, made financial advancement, the W. M. U. has gone forward, the March week of Prayer was the greatest ever, the extension department organized, the Sunday School reached the Standard and much teacher training done. **The E. F. Plan does help.**

I promised you a write-up about my Baptist Record church. New Hope, Yalobusha County. This last year I pastored six churches. This one was the only one that had the EVERY FAMILY Plan and it paid me almost as much as all the other churches and about the only one that contributed to the Cooperative Program.

Yours in the Lord,  
Rev. J. H. Sherman.



Richmond, Virginia—(F.M.B.)—More than one hundred and sixty years ago, Thomas Jefferson induced the Virginia Assembly to adopt the statute guaranteeing religious liberty to all alike. We can imagine that the Baptists of Virginia, who had suffered much at the hands of the Established State Church in the Province, fondly imagined that the question of religious liberty and the separation of church and state had been forever settled in Virginia at least.

Then when the Federal Government had been set up in 1789 and Jefferson assisted by James Madison had induced the first Congress to adopt the first ten amendments to the Constitution known as the Bill of Rights, one of which prohibited Congress from ever making any laws respecting religion in America, there was universal rejoicing throughout America, that the question of absolute religious liberty had been forever settled in America.

Now after a century and a half, the President of the United States, a Democrat and a professed disciple of Jefferson, has suddenly put in jeopardy this cherished doctrine of American Baptist by sending an ambassador to the Pope of Rome. Frankly, we have never seen our Baptist people, of all shades of opinion, so aroused over any issue or so united in opposition to this threat to their liberties as they are at this time.

The president has forced the issue upon us and the contest is going to be bitter beyond anything we have ever seen in America. Unless the President withdraws Mr. Myron C. Taylor, the Ambassador to the Pope, the matter will inevitably be dragged into the Presidential campaign. The bitterness and religious animosity engendered in the Al Smith campaign will be kindled anew and untold harm will be done to the cause of religious tolerance and good will in America. The fight is joined. The cause of religious liberty is in jeopardy. Now is the time for Baptist churches, associations, and conventions to speak out.

Thank God the right of protest and petition still exists!

Let us exercise it—

#### SOULS SAVED IN SPAIN

Tarrasa, Spain—(F.M.B.)—In my own field at Catalonia I found a number of people ready for baptism when I returned from the World Baptist Congress in Atlanta. We had a baptism service led by Dr. N. J. Bengston. I had the privilege of baptizing twenty believers, eight of which were men. All of these gave spoken testimonies of their experience of conversion and these words of witnessing made a profound impression on the assistants.

One young man told how he was converted on the battlefield in answer to the prayer of his Christian mother and brother. The father of the same young man explained that he had been converted in prison.

The reorganization and recovery of Baptist work in Spain is going on quickly in every place where our chapels have been allowed to be opened. Yet, in most places the work of God is still carried on in private homes.—Samuel Vila.

#### ANNUAL CONVENTION IN JAPAN

Fukuoka, Japan—(F.M.B.)—About two hundred delegates representing some 2,600 resident church members and almost ten thousand Baptists gathered at the Himiji Baptist church for worship. Dr. Y. Chiba preached a forceful Convention sermon from II Cor. 5: 11-19. Since Nathan Brown, it has been 67 years since Baptists opened work in Japan, and the work has stretched from Nemuro in Hokkaido in the North to Napha or Shuri in the Loo Choos of the South and out West to Dairen. (Southern Baptists entered Japan only fifty years ago.)—Edwin B. Dozier, Fukuoka, Japan.

#### SPANISH OFFICERS HALTED

Tarrasa, Spain—(F. M. B.)—Authorities are usually kind to us when they become rightly informed of our doctrines. In one town where we

## Eternal Vigilance the Price of Liberty

By Charles E. Maddry, Executive Secretary  
Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, Va.

have not yet been able to re-open the chapel, our brethren were denounced as reds. A number of policemen came at the time of worship when the people were gathered together. Our brethren explained that the only object of the meeting was to read the Bible and worship God according to their conscience, and as a proof of the kind of instructions that the Bibles gives to the believers, they read the thirteenth chapter of Romans.

The officer in command was quite pleased, but he said that he wanted to list the names and addresses of those who composed the church. While he was securing the names of the members of the church, a newly converted lady entered. The officer addressed her, also, and the pastor stated that she is not yet a member of the church. But the lady replied with decisiveness: "Oh no, sir, take my name, also, for if it is necessary to suffer for Christ, I do not want to be left behind the others."

The officer was exceedingly pleased with such an answer and said: "This is the best note today; now I can state that this is not a meeting of red people, but of Christians."

#### ONE EXCERPT FROM JUNE'S THE COMMISSION

Richmond, Virginia—(F. M. B.)—During the year 834 people were baptized into the Baptist churches within the Central China Mission, and over eight thousand students attended the schools. More than 5,000 were baptized in all China. The following quotations, gathered from here and there in the Central China report, afford a glimpse of the wonderful things which have taken place over the field.

"In the Zia Nya Zien Church 109 candidates from all walks of life were baptized."

"On the Yates Academy campus there are one thousand children. None of the Christian children who need help is turned away."

In Wusih "the Father has indeed blessed our efforts in all phases of church work. Thirty-one have been baptized and many are waiting."

"In spite of inconvenience the Kingdom moves forward, and on November 1, the Second Baptist Church was organized."

In Chingiang "during the year we have baptized eighty-eight persons into the fellowship of the churches."

"In 1939 eighty-nine persons were baptized into the fellowship of our churches" of the Yangchow field.

Space permits only a reference to the remarkable stories of God's wonderful work of grace in the Grace Baptist Church which, meeting in an old, rented theatre building, has more than doubled the size of its Sunday congregations; in the Baptist Church of Shanghai which is using an old residence for services and which, during the war has paid a debt of \$8,000 on their old, destroyed building; and in the Old North Gate Church which has recently secured a beautiful new site and is now making plans for a new building. The stories of the University of Shanghai and the other schools of this area ————

The above excerpt, written by Secretary for the Orient, M. T. Rankin, is only a brief part of his article, "Wonderful Things on the Orient," which will appear in the June issue of *The Commission*. (Subscription [50 cents] may be sent to Box 1595, Richmond, Virginia.)

ADMIRAL YARNELL APPEALS FOR CHINA  
New York City—(F. M. B.)—Rear Admiral Harry E. Yarnell, former commander-in-chief of

the Asiatic Fleet, recently returned from Oriental waters, and now retired, frequently speaks in behalf of relief for the suffering Chinese. In a broadcast over "America's Town Meeting of the Air," Admiral Yarnell said:

"The Chinese have suffered terribly since the war began. Over two million soldiers have been killed or died of wounds. More than forty million Chinese people have been driven from their homes to far distant areas. Of this vast number from five million to ten million have died of disease, privation, and starvation. The property loss has been enormous. Around Shanghai alone it was estimated at one billion Chinese dollars. Over two hundred thousand people have been killed and wounded by bombing of cities and towns all over China.

"At the outbreak of the war, there were in China about ten thousand Americans. This number has now been reduced to about seven thousand. American property investment in China has been estimated at \$250,000,000. A considerable percentage of this investment is in missionary property, schools, hospitals, and colleges. . . . Our missionaries, doctors, and educators have, as a rule, remained at their post and carried on their work in the face of great difficulties and real physical danger. Of the three hundred mission hospitals, thirty-six have been bombed, looted, or occupied. In every province the mission hospitals have won the affection of all communities."

Note: But in spite of all this material destruction Southern Baptists have won over 8,000 souls to Christ this year. God's Kingdom is growing and marching forward in the hearts of the people.

#### CULPEPPERS IN CHINA

Hwanghsien, Shangtung, China—(F. M. B.)—Since we wrote you in the summer we have had a busy, happy fall. The Spirit has continued to work in a very real way and many people have been saved and baptized. Three new churches have been organized in our local association. We are very happy over the new churches. There have been around eight hundred baptised on our local field during the year just closing.

And yet we have turned away many who asked for baptism, at least they were asked to wait. There have been special evangelistic meetings during the fall months. In the churches that I try to pastor there have been more than two hundred baptisms at Peh Ma, twenty-three at Tai Feng Chi Chia, and forty-six at Kin Kia Kou. The second one of these churches was just organized in the fall. These new Christians need more training and teaching than we have time to give them. We do beg you to help us pray for them.

The Seminary and Bible School have had a good term with about one hundred enrolled and they are about equally divided men and women. We are not giving the usual long winter holidays as so many cannot go home. This is something new in China. We shall be happy to be out early next summer before the intense heat.

#### FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY

On December 24th the Hwanghsien Church celebrated the fiftieth anniversary. It was not fifty years to a day since its organization but some time in the fall was the date. During the year the church has baptized over two hundred and fifty people. The program on the day of the anniversary was good and in the afternoon they ordained a pastor and some deacons. The newly ordained pastor was for one of the country churches and the deacons were added to the number we have already in the local church. It seemed such a fitting thing for an anniversary. The membership of this church now is around fifteen hundred.

Dan Curb has for ten years been field representative of the Baptist Orphanage of Oklahoma. He is said to visit 700 churches a year, and has brought in \$100,000 to the Home. He has been preaching 38 years and has a son who was recently ordained to the ministry.

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## Mississippi Baptists

Your Secretary Says:

"LOVE NEVER FAILS," I Cor. 13:8b

Worship • Serve • Give

"And daily in the temple, and in every house, they ceased not to teach and preach Jesus Christ." Acts 5:42.

Win Someone to Him!

### I

Registration Cards for the Southern Baptist Convention may be secured by writing this office.

### II

We list again the REGIONAL BROTHERHOOD MEETINGS: Drew, May 6th; Oxford, May 7th; Columbus, May 9th; Newton, May 10th. All these meetings will be from 6:00 p. m.—9:30 p. m., with a 25c-35c supper served by the local church. A closing meet will be held at Parkway Church, Jackson, Sunday, 2:30 p. m., May 12th. Each Mississippi Baptist Church should be represented by two auto loads of men.

### III

Our B. S. U. leaders at Nashville and on our campuses are assisting in a fine way in getting student volunteers for summer work. This information secured is forwarded to this office.

We will be happy to assist pastors, associational and other church leaders in contacting these volunteers. We urge that they be used. Let them not say "No man hath hired us."

### IV

We are presenting in full the tract that has meant most to us on "God's Way of Salvation." It was written by the late Jas. B. Leavell, Sr. He was a great evangelistic preacher and a great friend to young ministers.

This tract came into our hands as we entered the ministry and helped in plainly presenting "God's Way of Salvation" to many individuals and groups.

The tract follows:

"Men have a thousand ways to be saved, but only God's way can get God's Salvation. It is God's home, God's eternal feast, God's invitation, and God's salvation. God is under no obligation to save any man, and God is no respecter of persons. Then each must come in on God's plan.

Notice again, God has only one plan. The Bible is not in contradiction to itself. All plans are in error except one plan of salvation. Give me two ways, and one is inevitably wrong; both may be. Part of a false plan with part of the true is a failure, also. God has given us one, clear-cut, definite plan, and we seek that now in his Holy Word.

### 1. SALVATION NEEDED

God's Word deals with every man as a sinner. There is no need of the Word, and there is no need of the death of Jesus Christ, if any man in all the world is sinless. If any one man is sinless then he can be saved by his righteousness, and God must require the same of every man. In that case, there is no need for the death of the perfect man, Jesus Christ.

Romans 3:10, "There is NONE righteous, no, not one."

Romans 3:23, "All have sinned."

Romans 6:23, "The wages of sin is DEATH." Then God says you have sinned. You are a sinner. "If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar" (1 John 1:10). Will you call God a liar? Then you must confess you are a sinner. Your end is DEATH. God is helpless in the matter unless you see and accept his salvation which is provided and offered.

### 2. SALVATION PROVIDED AND OFFERED

#### 1. Salvation is Provided.

1 Peter 2:24, "Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree."

1 John 1:7, "The blood of Jesus Christ his Son CLEANSETH us from ALL SIN."

Why did Jesus die? He did not die for his own

sins, for he had none. "Christ died for our sins" (1 Corinthians 15:3). That is GOD'S WAY. That is God's sacrifice for man's sin. It satisfies the justice of God, and man is thereby perfectly cleansed in his sight when he accepts this plan.

#### 2. Salvation Is Offered.

Acts 16:31, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved."

John 3:16, "Whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

#### 3. Salvation Is Free.

Suppose we had to buy it. Who is rich enough? Suppose we had to work for it. Who is good or strong enough? It is free. It is by grace. "It is the gift of God" (Ephesians 2:8).

Now, for it to be a gift, there can be no return whatever. If I want to give you my watch and you insist upon the return of one farthing, it cannot be a gift. If a man has any hope, the slightest scintilla of hope, in what he will give back to God as a basis of his salvation, or if the good hope is mixed with such hope, that man is surely lost. Jesus said, "I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish" (John 10:28). He has no other kind except free salvation. He has no other kind except eternal life. It is not a salvation which saves only so long as a man works, or is good; but it is eternal life as a gift, all at once, definitely, without price, and without fail.

But notice, you may say, "I believe it that way; I believe in Jesus," and yet be lost. Many believe about Jesus, not in or on Jesus as the qualified Savior. You believe about George Washington, but you would not believe in or on him for salvation. Washington is not offered or qualified as a Savior. Jesus is qualified, and he is offered as such. Then your belief must be a personal trust.

### III. SALVATION ACCEPTED

How accept? "Repentance toward God, and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ" (Acts 20:21).

#### 1. Repentance.

Jesus says, "Except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish" (Luke 13:3). You must change your mind about sin, and change your attitude toward God.

It is repent or perish. Have you had a definite experience of repentance toward God? Have you felt an alarming knowledge of your sin against God, and have you turned from it? Does this experience continue day by day? Unless you have you perish. Repent now.

#### 2. Faith.

Then, "He that believeth on the Son HATH everlasting life" (John 3:36). How believe? Count the benefit of his death as yours! Calculate upon it! Depend upon it! Rely upon it! Trust God for his salvation on the basis of this precious promise! You have God's Word for it, now, the minute you trust!"

"Everlasting life! Amen!"

### V

Things will happen with a little prayer, effort, consecration, leadership, cooperation, etc.

On a recent Sunday we passed through a city and a layman was telling us of having seen deacons of a certain church out early that morning delivering telegraphic messages from the pastor. No wonder attendance had gone from about 250 to about 500.

### VI

Brother H. B. Speights, Mississippi College student, has repeatedly brought back mission offerings after being out for Sunday appointments. The offering is usually for the Cooperative Program.

Another illustration of the fact that a fellow can do things in a fruitful way. Others will follow!

### BR

It has come to us that a good Presbyterian brother felt that a paragraph in the Record some two weeks ago with reference to infant baptism did not properly represent his denomination's attitude. From one point of view this is true. It was said that infant baptism effectively destroyed personal and spiritual religion, because it was regarded as a means to the salvation of the child. This is not true of Presbyterians in

## NOW CLUB

DOUBLING THE FIVE THOUSAND CLUB

A DEBTLESS DENOMINATION BEFORE 1945

Slogan: "DON'T PUT IT OFF—PUT IT OVER"

We note with interest each Now Club filing card sent in by the field workers. Every such individual report claims attention here and is appreciated.

Recently we noted such cards from Lyon and vicinity, up in the delta.

That called to mind many precious memories from a pastorate there.

One is occasioned by a visit from Dr. Frank Burkhalter, publicity director at the time, out of Nashville.

Having heard of the splendid work by the members of the field he detoured while enroute from Houston, Texas to Nashville. Stopping by Jackson, he asked Dr. Gunter if things he heard were typical of the field. He stated Dr. Gunter informed him he could expect most anything good of that field.

He came on to Lyon to secure materials. In the Baptist program of April 1, 1926, he wrote a story that challenged all of us.

The heading read, "Three village churches may lead the South. Remarkable Development in Per Capita Giving made of Mississippi Field."

It read in part: "Lyon, a village of 400 people, recently averaged \$155.00 per capita per year, the church at Jonestown, 600 population, \$170.00 per capita and that at Coahoma, 250 population, \$90.00 per capita, for all purposes. The church at Lyon had a budget last year of \$12,500, of which \$6,700 went to the Cooperative Program, \$4,500 to the current expense budget, while \$2,200 went to special denominational objects."

Through the years we have always found some folks who knew how to stand by the Cross and the Cause in a great way.

Now Club: No. 231 for \$36, No. 237 for \$36, each from a member at Lyon, (Hightower, field worker). And No. 135 for \$100, No. 136 for \$100, both from a member of Lyon, (Hightower, field worker).

No. 238 for \$36, No. 239 for \$36, No. 108 for \$50, each from a member at Jonestown, (Hightower, field worker).

No. 245 for \$36, member Clarksdale, (Hightower, field worker).

No. 240 for \$36, No. 241 for \$36, No. 242 for \$36, No. 243 for \$36, No. 244 for \$36, No. 246 for \$36, No. 247 for \$36, No. 109 for \$50, No. 110 for \$50, each from a member at Tutwiler, (Hightower, field worker).

No. 158 for \$100, No. 159 for \$100, No. 160 for \$100, each from a member at Belzoni, (McLaurin and Hightower, field workers).

No. 4 for \$500, member Leland, (McLaurin and Hightower, field workers).

the degree that it is of others, if the Presbyterian standards are to be taken at their face value. These teach that a child of believing parents is of the elect and therefore saved. And because it is saved it is to be "baptized." This is the teaching of the standards, but it is inconsistent with the practice of Presbyterian preachers, who preach the necessity of regeneration and of repentance to those who have been sprinkled in infancy. They do well to so preach, but such preaching is utterly irreconcilable with the idea that the children of believing parents are already saved and therefore entitled to baptism. We heard a distinguished Presbyterian preacher expound the Presbyterian doctrine that a child of believing parents is already saved. How anybody can bring himself to believe it is beyond our understanding. "Think not to say we are children of Abraham," and therefore entitled to baptism, was John's plain message to the Pharisees.



# Mississippi Woman's Missionary Union

## OUR STATE OFFICERS

Recording Secretary—Mrs. D. C. Simmons, Jackson, Miss.  
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## President's Message

(Continued from last week)

We want to call attention to the fact that our smallest net gain in organizations is Sunbeam Bands, our oldest Auxiliary, organized two years before our Southern Union. This organization is a very definite part of our Plan of Work, the place where we begin the missionary training and we will all agree it is the easiest organization to have. We believe calling attention to this weak place will insure renewed effort and emphasis here.

We would remind ourselves that we must guard against omitting the term "Young People" when referring to the work of Woman's Missionary Union. In our thinking and in our speaking let us be careful always to say "the work of our Women AND Young People." We must remember our Young People's Organizations are a part of our Union and not an appendage. Let us seek very earnestly to organize our young people for missionary service and foster and promote these organizations.

We all rejoice in the rapid development and advancement of our Camps and we will work even harder this year to have larger groups in these Camps. As we approach the State Mission Season of Prayer let us do our best to see that the special program for our Young People is properly observed. Provision for the State Camps will be a definite part of this Season of Prayer.

When we consider the firm foundation of Prayer we are happy that it is listed first in the Chief Aims for we are fully conscious that prayer is the basis of it all. Undergirding the whole structure is prayer. Our Missionary Organization was born in prayer. Through prayer it has been nurtured and promoted. Its prayer plans are challenging. We go forward in the work in proportion to the earnestness and zeal with which we pray. It is as true now as when the great missionary Neesima said it, "We must advance on our knees."

Our Executive Secretary tells us we had fifty Societies more this year to observe the Foreign Mission Season of Prayer, usually our biggest effort. Also a larger number of Societies reported every quarter. We began this message with the emphasis on Enlistment. As we come to the close we would say again we must see the need before us for Enlistment. We have no finer means to enlist individual and groups than through our Prayer plans. If we could lead our new members and new organizations to enter willingly and heartily into these plans we could stop the deaths in organizations we now have. This is one of our weak places. A careful study reveals the fact that the greatest loss in organizations is during their first year. We need to stress the importance of nurturing and fostering our new organizations through the first year of their life, helping them to be punctual and prompt in reporting quarterly and encouraging them to observe the prayer seasons. To be definite here would lead to growth along all lines of missionary endeavor.

Some years ago the Health Departments all over the nation became keenly aware through their statistics of the appalling loss of infants (or babies) under two years of age and began with determination to remedy this condition by informing and instructing those responsible, with the result that scores of babies now are saved every year. In view of our statistics that show how many of our newly organized societies perish before their "second summer" let us as W. M. U. members follow our natural "mother

instincts" and nourish and help these young organizations until they are able to fend for themselves.

We cannot emphasize too much the importance of prayer in our efforts to serve. This statement came to me recently: "The mystery of prayer delights us, the mastery of prayer discourages us. We believe in the doctrine but fail in the discipline of prayer. We believe in the power but fail in the practice of prayer." Is it not so? To this failure in prayer practice we can trace our weaknesses. We covet a bigger, better understanding of the value of this firm foundation to the end that we may be more faithful in our practice of prayer.

As we reflect upon the firm foundations that are ours and look out to far horizons may we not covenant together that we will be "steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord forasmuch as we know our labor is not in vain in the Lord."

"Each day to walk with thee a little nearer,  
Each day to talk with thee a little clearer,  
Each day to find thy will a little dearer,  
Be this our prayer O Lord."

Many requests for literature and also attendance on W. M. U. Rallies go to our Stewardship, Mission Study and Personal Service Chairman. We believe much time and postage would be saved by sending all requests for literature to the W. M. U. office. These chairman do not keep literature to be mailed from their homes and besides they are busy housekeepers.

Neither can you expect them to take very many dates because of their home duties.

We still lack several hundred dollars meeting our appointment for the W. M. U. Training School. Perhaps you have neglected sending yours to us. We are eager to have the whole amount of \$7,000.00 by June 1st., so that we may report our pro rata share to the Southwide Treasurer before the Convention in Baltimore.

Mississippi never fails to do her part. Now with a little extra effort from those not having a part, we will be victorious.

## BALTIMORE BAPTISTS ANTICIPATING JUNE MEETING

Baltimore Baptists are anticipating with special pleasure the annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention and of the Woman's Missionary Union in their city, June 9-16. Visits from friends of long standing and family reunions are always occasions of delight. Surely a friendship, dating back to 1853, may be termed one of long standing! In that year, Baltimore first entertained the Southern Baptist Convention and has been happy to greet them several other times in the passing years.

As you undoubtedly know, W. M. U. in 1888 established her first headquarters here in what is now The Bible House, 9 East Franklin Street, and remained in Baltimore for more than thirty years—until 1921 in fact. So we shall, indeed, extend our heartfelt welcome to old friends and family.

Ample and adequate hotel accommodations will be available. The Belvedere which will be W. M. U. headquarters, is about half a dozen blocks from the Convention Hall where all the meetings of the W. M. U. and the S. B. C. will be held.

The interior beauty and quiet location of this hotel will be restful in the rush of busy days of Convention sessions. Convention Hall, one of

Baltimore's newest structures, will seat 12,000 in the main auditorium, and has amplifier equipment, so that all visitors and delegates can be accommodated comfortably.

Never more deeply than today has the world needed the message Christ's followers are commissioned to tell and to live. May W. M. U., assembled in Baltimore next June, be possessed of His Spirit that she may go forward in self-sacrifice, wisely, bravely and humbly!

Mrs. James Neely,  
Baltimore W. M. U. Publicity Chairman

—BR—

Pastor N. H. Roberts preached the commencement sermon for McCool High School Sunday. The church is planning a Sunday school training course and reorganization of the B. T. U. The revival meeting will be held in August with Rev. W. L. Compere of Franklinton, La., preaching.

The Leland Baptist Church is looking forward to having with them in a revival meeting May 5-15 Dr. Roland Q. Leavell, superintendent of Evangelism for the Home Mission Board in Atlanta, Georgia, and Rev. Felix Arnold, of Winston Salem, North Carolina.

Luther J. Holcomb, Nashville, Tenn., preached in the annual spring revival with the First Baptist Church, Thomasville, Ga. There were 136 additions to the church, with 82 of these by baptism. Dr. T. F. Galloway, pastor, announced that the attendance was larger than at any previous meeting in this church, also that someone united with the church at every service of the revival.

Mr. J. M. Flowers died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. E. L. Calhoun in Jackson Saturday. He was 95 years of age, a Confederate soldier. He had been a long time citizen of Carroll County, a faithful servant of God through three-quarters of a century. He is survived by his wife, eight sons and six daughters, 30 grand children and 11 great grand children. These have the heritage of his long and useful life, the assurance of reunion hereafter, and the inspiration of a great example.

Two hundred seventy-two thousand two hundred eighty-one Baptists in Mississippi can, without a great deal of sacrifice, contribute sufficient money to care for their dependent orphan children. Will they do it? Yes? When they know more of the work and needs of the Orphanage. Will you be one to tell them? The Orphanage does not receive sufficient funds through regular channels, that is why special appeals are made on Mother's Day. The Sunday schools are being asked to contribute \$10,000 to complete the chapel in memory of brother J. E. Byrd. Can they do it? Yes. Will they do it? Yes. 1600 Baptist Sunday schools in Mississippi, all cooperating together can reach this goal easily.

—BR—

Harry Rimmer of California offered \$1,000 for any scientific error. A man who offered one filed suit in New York for the money. After hearing all sorts of witnesses, the judge said "Nothing doing."

The Sunday School Conference April 17 at Coldwater was a really worthwhile meeting. Panola, Tate, DeSoto and Tunica counties were represented and Pastor William O. Beaty and his splendid people were both gracious and bounteous in their hospitality. The program was informing, practical and challenging and we of Northwest Mississippi greatly appreciate the fine service in the conference done by brother E. C. Williams, brother John A. Farmer, Miss Ruby Taylor and Mrs. O. M. Jones. It was also a pleasure to have brother Bryan Simmons, representing the Orphanage building fund, with us.—H. L. Martin



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## STUDENT LEADERS AT WOMAN'S COLLEGE

The Mississippi Woman's College  
B. S. U. Council for the year of 1940-  
41 has been elected. The new offi-  
cers will assume responsibility of  
their offices immediately following  
the installation service.

The officers named are:

President, Myrtis Foster, Jackson;  
First Vice-president, Ann McWil-  
liams, Hattiesburg; 2nd Vice-Presi-  
dent, Sue Hopkins, Louisville; Third  
Vice-President, Cleo White, Mc-  
Comb; B. T. U. Director, Helen  
Dukes, Bogalusa, La.; S. S. Repre-  
sentative, Mary Nell McDonnial,  
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Treas., Mary Elizabeth Oden, Boga-  
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Representative, Laura Ann Sumrall,  
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tive, Lucille Bumgardner, Water  
Valley; Chorister, Mae Elizabeth  
Brigance, Mt. Olive; Pianist, Lillie  
Ree Ponder, Mendenhall; Faculty  
Representative, Mr. R. F. Bass.

Cleo White, Reporter

## STATE WORKERS AT B. M. C.

Monday, April 15th, Blue Moun-  
tain welcomed a most distinguished  
group of Mississippi religious work-  
ers to its campus. Among the nota-  
bles were Dr. D. A. (Scotchie) Mc-  
Call, State Mission secretary; Mr.  
A. J. Wilds, State B. T. U. secretary;  
Mrs. Nan Morgan Dean, Sunday  
school representative; Cleo Harris,  
State B. S. U. president. At a gen-  
eral meeting at 1:30 the student  
body was introduced to each of these  
workers. At the close of this period,  
separate conferences were held in  
which Y. W. A., B. T. U., and sum-  
mer religious work were discussed.  
(Mrs. Wilfred Tyler led the Y. W.  
A. conference, representing Miss Ed-  
wina Robinson.) Leaders of the vari-  
ous college religious activities found  
solutions to the problems which  
inevitably present themselves in ev-  
ery organization, and the visit prov-

ed to be an inspiring and most suc-  
cessful one, to say the least.

At a special B. S. U. Council meet-  
ing Monday night, members of both  
the old and new councils were pres-  
ent with these guests. Cleo Harris  
officiated and presented plans for  
the Spring Retreat at Louisville,  
Miss. It was indeed a privilege and  
an honor to have these well-known  
spiritual leaders on the campus and  
their presence has given us a broad-  
er vision of what Christ is meaning  
and will mean to this state.—M.B.D.

—BR—

## NEW B. S. U. COUNCIL ELECTED AT B. M. C.

The new B. S. U. Council for the  
session 1940-41 has been announced  
at Blue Mountain College with the  
following members:

President, Lois Brimm, Memphis;  
First Vice-President, Dorothy Gwin  
Harpole, Eupora; Second Vice-Presi-  
dent, Jane Majure, Newton; Third  
Vice-President, Marion Dempsey,  
Lexington, Mass.; Fourth Vice-Presi-  
dent, Grace Bishop, Vernon, Ala.;  
B. T. U. Director, Helen Nobles,  
Newport News, Va.; Y. W. A. Di-  
rector, Lois Page, McComb; S. S.  
Representative, Jessie Davis,  
Brownsville, Tenn.; Secretary, Peg-  
gy Chastain, Lexington; Treasurer,  
Martha Frances Beaty, Jackson; Re-  
porter, Elizabeth Majors, Ripley,  
Tenn.; Methodist Representative,  
Carolyn McPherson, Pickens; Local  
Representative, Sara Ruth Godwin,  
Blue Mountain; Student Government  
Representative; Myrtis Haynie, Du-  
rant; Chorister, Lynn Whitehurst,  
Sheffield, Ala.; Pianist, Rebecca  
Reid, Greenville, S. C.; Freshman  
Representative, Elizabeth Jacobs;  
Faculty Representative, Miss Ruby  
Talbot; Student Secretary, Miss  
Mary D. Yarborough.

—Marion Dempsey, Reporter

—BR—

## BLUE MOUNTAIN

Officers for the Baptist Student  
Union of Blue Mountain College for  
next session are as follows:

President, Lois Brimm, Memphis,  
Tenn.; vice-presidene, Dorothy Gwin  
Harpole, Eupora; second vice-presi-  
dent, Jane Majure, Newton; third

vice-president, Marion Dempsey,  
Lexington, Mass.; gouth vice-presi-  
dent, Grace Bishop, Vernon, Ala.;  
secretary, Peggy Chastain, Lexing-  
ton; treasurer, Martha Frances  
Beaty, Jackson; Y. W. A. president,  
Lois page, McComb; B. T. U. direc-  
tor, Helen Nobles, Newport News,  
Va.; Sunday School superintendent,  
Jessie Davis, Brownsville, Tenn.;  
Chorister, Lynne Whitehurst, Shef-  
field, Ala.; pianist, Rebecca Heid,  
Greenville, S. C.; reporter, Elizabeth  
Majors, Ripley, Tenn.; student gov-  
ernment representative, Myrtis  
Haynie, Durant; Methodist repre-  
sentative, Carolyn McPherson, Pick-  
ens; local representative, Sarah  
Huth Godwin, Blue Mountain; facul-  
ty representative, Miss Ruby Talbot,  
Ashland; student secretary, Miss  
Mary D. Yarborough, Pickens.

## UP CLEVELAND WAY

The B. T. U. has just enjoyed a  
most delightful study course. Di-  
rector T. M. Bennett has been most  
pleased with the response made by  
the young people of the church. The  
courses were taught by C. R. Wil-  
banks, Mrs. Charles Jackson, Miss  
Virginia Mayhall, and Mrs. T. M.  
Bennett. Mrs. Mayhall, Mrs. Eaven-  
son and Mrs. Bennett saw that some  
light refreshments were served each  
evening—being provided by friends  
of these organizations.

The Bolivar County Young Peo-  
ples Rally was held in our church  
today, April 20th, with 106 members  
of the R. A. and G. A. present. Mrs.  
W. A. Lampley is the leader for the  
county. A splendid program was  
given.

The Baptist Student Union at Del-  
ta State was privileged to entertain  
Mr. Cleo Harris, state president,  
Rev. D. A. McCall, Miss Edwina Rob-  
inson and Mrs. Dean. Plans for all  
of the departments of work were  
discussed and the outlook for an-  
other year's work promises higher  
achievements.

Next week, Dr. J. W. Middleton of  
Clinton will conduct a Youth Re-  
vival on the campus of Delta State  
and then during the following week,  
he will preach in the revival at the  
First Baptist Church. We weel very  
fortunate in securing Dr. Middleton

for both of these services and are  
praying for spiritual uplift and  
blessings during these days of meet-  
ing.

Mrs. W. H. Myers, president of  
the local Missionary Society, has ap-  
pointed all of her committees look-  
ing forward to the entertainment of  
the District meeting of the W. M. U.  
on May 13th. The promised presence  
of Miss Juliette Mather and Mrs.  
Ned Rice at this meeting make us  
to know that it will be one of the  
spiritual mountain tops of the en-  
tire year.

Judge Jackson, our Sunday school  
superintendent, has been most pleas-  
ed with the very fine attendance up-  
on the school for the past few weeks.  
On one Sunday recently, without  
any unusual effort, the highest rec-  
ord ever reached was chalked up.

Pray for us, for God has truly  
"set before us an open door." Two  
will be baptized tomorrow at the  
evening hour.—I. D. Eavenson.

## WORRY OF

## FASTEETH

SLIPPING OR IRRITATING

Don't be embarrassed by loose false teeth  
slipping, dropping or wobbling when you  
eat, talk or laugh. Just sprinkle a little  
FASTEETH on your plates. This pleasant  
powder gives a remarkable sense of added  
comfort and security by holding plates more  
firmly. No gummy, gooey, pasty taste or  
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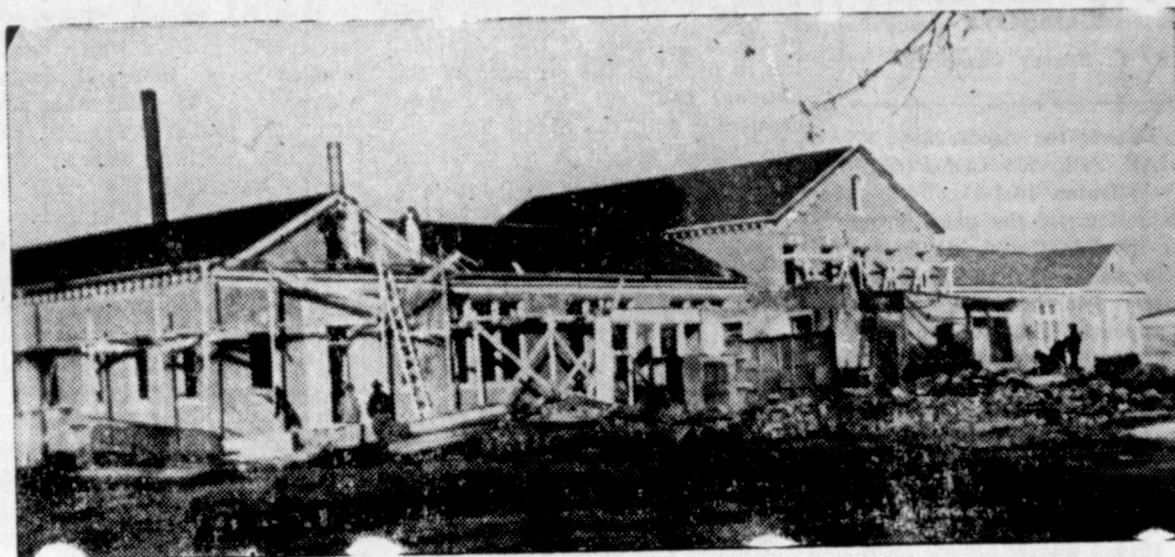
## "Build-Up" Good News For Suffering Women

Much of women's periodic dis-  
tress may be unnecessary!

Many who suffer from headaches,  
nervousness, cramp-like pain, other  
symptoms of functional dysmenor-  
rhea due to malnutrition are helped  
by CARDUI.

Main way it helps relieve periodic  
distress is by increasing appetite  
and flow of gastric juice. Thus it  
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strength, energy, resistance to peri-  
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The "J. E. Byrd Memorial Chapel" is part of the above picture shown at left from the two-story sec-  
tion. \$10,000.00 is needed to complete this building. The Orphanage hopes to raise this on Mother's Day.  
A liberal contribution from each Sunday school will provide it. How much will your S. S. give?

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## Sunday School Lesson

By L. Bracey Campbell

Lesson for April 28  
ISAIAH SPEAKS COMFORT  
Isaiah 40:1-11

Introduction. Of the great prophets who lived in the eighth century B. C., some of whose prophecies are preserved in the Old Testament, Isaiah appeared third in the order of time. Some twenty years after Amos preached at Bethel, and a few years after Hosea had begun to preach, but before he had finished, Isaiah began to preach. Isaiah's career as a preacher began before Micah's and continued after Micah's closed. Hosea was a native of the northern kingdom and addressed himself mainly to his own people. Amos was a native of Judah, but prophesied to the people of the northern kingdom; and thus Isaiah was the earliest of the prophets to preach to Judah, and even he is in his earlier years preached against Israel.

Isaiah was the son of Amos, of noble blood and birth and breeding. Speaking from the human standpoint, he was the highest class man among all the prophets. He was polished in manner and speech, used from his youth up to the manners of the court, familiarly moving among the great men of his own and the surrounding nations, as he met these nobles at the court of his king.

Robinson calls Isaiah "king" of the prophets. Not all the literature of the earth holds anything to excel the writings of Isaiah. A great theme engaged the lordly intellect of Isaiah, and all his writings grapple with this great theme—salvation through faith. Isaiah is the Paul of the Old Testament. Bold and earnest, vigorous and uncompromising in his attitude toward sin, he hurled his denunciations with unparalleled vehemence against fraud, oppression, dishonesty, hypocrisy, idolatry, apostasy, and every other form of wickedness which challenged his attention.

For almost, if not quite, forty years this great man held the high position of court preacher of his people, and attained to a fame broad as the world and more enduring than time. William G. Moorehead says of Isaiah's prophecies, "The predictions contained in the final section of Isaiah are surprisingly grand as to style, transcendently lofty as to conception, most precious in all the wealth of promise and assurance as to the future of God's people and the world itself." I agree with those who regard Isaiah as the greatest orator who ever lived save only the Lord whose coming the gifted prophet so eloquently foretold. Might I advise the young man who is desirous of acquiring the fine art of the finished orator, I should say to him, "Learn to love Isaiah! Study his recorded utterances; for they were formed by the most eloquent tongue that ever move words into winsome speech."

Isaiah's prophecies contain little which is addressed to the individual concerning individual relationship to God. Of course he never lost sight of the importance of the individual life in order to the strength of the national life; but he dealt pre-eminently with the nation as a nation. Isaiah taught in no uncertain terms that judgment ever proceeds to peace. In his prophecy judgment beyond this life is not in view. He deals with judgment here and now. Do not misunderstand what I have now said. I am not denying the fact of judgment beyond this life or denying that Isaiah knew anything about such judgment, but I am saying that judgment beyond this life is not that which claims the prophets attention in his book. It is rather the judgment of God in this world proceeding to the establishment of peace in this world.

The passage which forms the text for our study today illustrates this proposition. But someone says, "No! What we have here is the mercy of God." But look at the matter from the angle of God's method of dealing with the recipients of His mercy and see if it be not true that all His dealings with men proceed in view of the purpose that He may be "just, and the justifier of him that hath faith in Jesus." Let us rejoice in the mercy of God which brings salvation, but let us know that this rejoicing, if based on intelligence, has for its cause the fact that mercy acts in justice. In the midst of the chaos of social conditions today, absolute justice is the mercy for which this sad world waits. The heart which finds the mercy of God finds it through the exercise of that power of surrender to Him, of reception of Him, of turning with Him, which enables Him to be just in the salvation of the heart which becomes the recipient of His mercy.

The verses which we study today for a prologue to the third division of Isaiah's book, chapters 40-66. This prologue consists of four brief speeches by four different voices. Let us hear them.

### I. The First Herald Voice.

Isaiah 40:1-2.

Who the herald is we do not know, but we know that he speaks the word of God. "My people . . . saith your God." And what saith God to His people? "Comfort ye, comfort ye."

The prophet in the spirit of God looks beyond his time to the capture of Jerusalem, and beyond that time to the restoration of it, and seeing God in triumph over the forces which waste His people and turn them from Him, predicts their pardon, sees God in mercy treat them as though they had done twice enough to merit His pardon. They have met His conditions, and now He can speak consolingly to them.

Have you suffered? Are you suffering now? Do you assume and maintain such an attitude toward your suffering, toward the God who permits you to suffer that you may and do obtain a blessing from it? Whatever the source of your suffering is, and howsoever sorely you suffer, you may turn it into an occasion of such soul strengthening as to make it blessing to your life.

### II. The Second Herald Voice. Vs. 3-5.

Here is a prophecy of the coming of John the Baptist. "Prepare ye," describes a process which has been invoked in a thousand instances where visiting kings or other notable men were prepared for by the entertaining country exactly in the manner described, bad roads being mended, and new ones being prepared where none existed before.

Of course the preparation which John the Baptist meant when he quoted these words centuries later was not a physical preparation, but a moral one, and a spiritual. It was John's task in his day to prepare the hearts of a people who would be willing to enthrone in their hearts the King when He came.

You and I ought to be engaged right now and all along in preparing the way of our Lord. Our land needs nothing else today as it needs such men and women as you and I would be if we would prepare our hearts for the coming of the Lord into full possession of them.

### III. The Third Herald Voice. Vs. 6-8.

This third voice warns by calling attention to man's weakness, instability, frailty, and the eternal quality of God's abiding. Man is likened to the grass and the fading flower: God in His word abides forever.

Exhortation: be persuaded that only God abides. Political power and social prestige, intellectual attainment and worldly possession, perish like the bloom of the fragile flower in the fierce breath of the sir-occo; but God and His word abide. Be admonished by this fact; if discouraged, take refuge in it and be encouraged.

### IV. The Fourth Herald Voice. Vs. 9-11.

Let your heart feast upon this gracious prediction. It meant to Jerusalem their return from captivity. Again it meant to them and to us the coming of the good shepherd, who would take His place as the shepherd of His own sheep and keep them safe from every foe. Again, it will have a complete fulfillment in the future. The children of Israel will no doubt go back from the lands of their exile to Jerusalem one of these days, and they will go back in response to the will of the Lord that they do so. Personally I do not think that the present returning to the land of the comparatively few who have gone back is in accord with what will take place when their God calls His people home. They who go back now are going for another and less worthwhile purpose.

I think it will also have fulfillment when the Lord comes to call His own out of this world to Himself. And when He comes for that purpose, all the redeemed of all the ages will hear the call and experience the leadership of the Good Shepherd. And we need today, if ever in the world needed in the

consciousness of God speaking to the heart. We need a message of comfort and of solace today. Let us hear in these words of the prophet of the yesteryears the voice of God assuring our hearts that He will come and strengthen us, lead us, reward us with the measureless riches which His grace has stored up for those who love His service and rejoice in His provision.

### L. Z. DICKEY, TREASURER

Mr. L. Z. Dickey who has been treasurer for the First Baptist Church, McComb, Mississippi, resigned at a recent business meeting of the church, stating he felt that the responsibility and honor of being treasurer should be given another after having served in this capacity for more than twenty years.

During his tenure in office as treasurer he has steered the financial ship through troubled waters and over treacherous shoals. During his administration and under his leadership a magnificent building was erected and more than half of the debt paid. His courage and optimism during periods of financial depression served as a good tonic to the other deacons and members and gave them inspiration to go on.

Mr. Dickey is still chairman of the Board of Deacons.

Mr. E. O. Murrell was elected by the church to serve as treasurer. This honor and responsibility comes to him as the deepest expression of confidence and assurance of his fidelity. He is vice president of the Mechanics Bank, an active deacon, and superintendent of the Junior department of the Sunday school. The church feels quite fortunate to secure his service.

### BALTIMORE HOTELS

Following is a list of hotels in Baltimore. For rates and room accommodations write direct to the hotels:

Altamont, Arundel, Belvidere, Biltmore, Congress, Emerson, Lord Baltimore, Mount Royal, New Howard, Southern, Stafford.

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## Vacation Bi

Another season of boys and girls to come from the schools is almost here for the boys to 16 years of age, four departments of the Sunday school. These departments, Primary, Intermediate, Junior, and Senior.

For each department a text book especially for children of that age group. Each item by item, with habit stories to fit in to the text. Let all those plan the first time daily programs and no difficulty is experienced. The teachers do not have to prepare programs. Of course, material may be used as desired. All the other Vacation materials, can be obtained from the Baptist Book Store for the free literature work.

Brother Super wonderful opportunity for boys and girls to have a community service of fine worship, stories, character studies, supervised by the church. Let's make 1941 a fine year in this fine plan to them. Plan to get the faculty department books in the hands of the teachers. Have ample opportunity for best of preparation.

## New Su

Rev. M. C. V. Pike County, mission Sunday sponsored by is one of the many others of our people now Bible teaching organizing new churches now also in mission. The Sunday free the first of every NEW give those with of teaching the ing from the s

## Element

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## Sunday School Department

E. C. WILLIAMS, SECRETARY  
JOHN A. FARMER, ASSOCIATE  
MISS RUBY TAYLOR, ELEMENTARY SEC.

### Vacation Bible Schools

Another season for giving our boys and girls the advantages that come from the Vacation Bible schools is almost here. These schools are for the boys and girls from 4 to 16 years of age, and the same four departments are included as in the Sunday school with the same years. These departments are Beginner, Primary, Junior, Intermediate.

For each department there is a text book especially made for the children of that department. The programs for each day are outlined item by item, with even the Bible and habit stories told in full so as to fit in to the theme for that week. Let all those planning schools for the first time remember that the daily programs are so complete that no difficulty is encountered because the teachers do not have to plan the programs. Of course, additional material may be used if the teachers desire to. All these text books, and all other Vacation Bible school materials, can be secured from the Baptist Book Store, Jackson. Write for the free literature explaining the work.

Brother Superintendent, this is a wonderful opportunity to give the boys and girls of your school and community several additional hours of fine worship programs. Bible stories, character stories, song periods, supervised activities, etc., that will mean much in their young lives. Let's make 1940 our greatest year in this fine PLUS that can come to them. Plan early for your school, get the faculty enlisted, get the department books and put them in the hands of the teachers so they will have ample opportunity to make the best of preparation.

### New Sunday Schools

Rev. M. C. Waldrup, a pastor in Pike County, recently organized a mission Sunday school that will be sponsored by a near-by church. This is one of the very fine services many others can render. Many of our people now unreached for any Bible teaching could be reached by organizing new Sunday schools in churches now without schools, and also in mission Sunday schools.

The Sunday School Board gives free the first quarter's literature to every NEW Sunday school. Let's give those without this opportunity of teaching the chance to get a blessing from the study of God's word.

### Elementary Standards

During the entire year of 1939 we had in the state a total of 5 standard departments and 11 standard classes (Junior). To date in 1940 we have 12 standard Elementary departments and 19 standard Junior classes. This is an increase of 73% in classes, and 140% in departments for three and one-half months of this year as against the full year of 1939.

The standard departments thus far this year are:

**Cradle Roll:** Clinton, Mrs. J. D. McDonald, superintendent; Philadelphia, Mrs. R. L. Edwards, superintendent.

**Beginner:** Meridian First, Mrs. J. M. Slaughter, Jr., superintendent; Philadelphia, Mrs. Louis Lowry, superintendent; Pascagoula, Mrs. W. L. Day, superintendent.

**Primary:** Philadelphia, Mrs. T. K. Walton, superintendent; Columbia First, Mrs. A. F. Quinn, superintendent; Pascagoula, Miss Lena Hall, superintendent; Picayune First, Mrs. B. Whitfield, superintendent; Clinton, Mrs. Fred Gordon, superintendent.

**Junior:** Philadelphia, Miss Carolyn Madison, superintendent; Columbus First, Miss Minnie Branton, superintendent.

The standard Junior classes are: Philadelphia, 7; Columbia First, 11; Juniper Grove, 1; a total of 19.

### CLEAR BRANCH CHURCH, RANKIN COUNTY

The W. M. U. of Clear Branch, had their study course, on the book, "Give Ye Them To Eat." Seven took the test; membership is twelve. This was a splendid number, considering the roads were impassable to the church, and, too, so many ill with flu and measles, at that time.

The mission study leader, Mrs. W. S. Bridges, of Star, did the work through correspondence, chiefly by sending book, instructions, and questions to each member.

Truly, "where there is a will, there is a way."

If we are hungering for God, He surely opens the way for us to be filled.

In this fast and sinful age, how wonderful to be hungry for the better things of life!

The only things which can give real joy, peace, happiness, satisfaction, and contentment, are the things of God. Christ's love, and His love only, can meet the need of the day.

Through our study courses we learn better how to live and serve best, therefore, finding happiness. In my mind, I can see a poor hungry person, drinking water at a muddy stream, trying to quench his thirst. Worldiness will never satisfy. God made fish for water, beast for forest, birds for air, etc., and people in His own image. None are satisfied, unless, where God made them to be.

Remember, if we want to grow we must do these five things daily, namely: Silence, meditation, prayer, Bible reading, and worship. Truly, if we are regular in all these five important rules in our Christian life, we will live in God's will, therefore, be loyal to W. M. U., Sunday school, prayer service, B. T. U. and preaching services and giving our all to God.

Mrs. U. S. Bridges  
Star, Miss.

### BIBLE AWARDS AT HILLMAN

In a recent course on "Personal Factors in Character Building" studied in connection with "Studies in Roman's," a note book was made by individuals in the Bible class at

Hillman College composed of first year students and taught by Mrs. Scotchie McCall. At the end of the course judges not connected with the school were asked to select the best books. There were three girls who tied for first place, in the judges' opinion. These were Ruth Black of Hattiesburg; Marjorie Flynt of Mt. Olive and Blanche Busby of Okolona. Sara Cobb of New Albany received second place and Katherine Wilson of New Orleans had third place. Honorable mention was given to the following: Verna Mae Reid of Jackson; Frances Wise of Jackson; Sue Myatt of Philadelphia; Frances Parker of Lucedale.

Several of the wives of the young ministers in Mississippi College took the class and in that group Mrs. G. M. Harbin was given first place by the judges. Mrs. H. B. Speights was second and Mrs. J. J. Horton was third.

### B. T. U. CONVENTION AT SHORT CREEK

The quarterly meeting of the Yazoo County B. T. U. met at Short Creek Church, Sunday, April 7th, at 2:00 p. m. Delegations were present from Yazoo City, Eden, Ogden, Anding, Providence, Short Creek, Concord, and Holly Bluff.

Mrs. Ward from Yazoo City church presided.

Reports indicated that much constructive work is being done. Rev. Sidney Johnston from Jackson delivered a splendid address. Special music was rendered by Rev. Young Gerrard, with Mrs. Avens at the piano.

—J. T. Griffin, Reporter.

### BACK IN MISSISSIPPI

I have just returned from Catchings, Miss., where I spent twelve days with Rev. E. Y. Soileau and his good church in a revival meeting. The most splendid preparation had been made for the meeting and the crowds and interest were good and from the very beginning. Visible results were sixteen additions to the church, six by letter and ten for baptism.

Brother Soileau has been on this field only about fifteen months and has done a most remarkable work in this short time. The membership has been enlisted and all the or-

ganizations set up and functioning well. Brother Soileau has led the church in erecting a splendid pastor's home and made many other improvements which add materially to the appearance and value of the church property. He is loved devotedly by his people and they follow his leadership without question. Pastor and people are happy as they labor together and their future is as bright as the promises of God.

It was my happy privilege, about eight years ago, to share in setting apart this good man to the full work of the gospel ministry. We have watched, and shall continue to watch, his growth in power and service with the keenest interest.

It is refreshing after a ten year's absence to touch Mississippi Baptist life. We continue to read and enjoy the Baptist Record and wonder how any Mississippi Baptist family can afford to let one issue miss the home. His blessings on the work and workers.

J. N. Miller

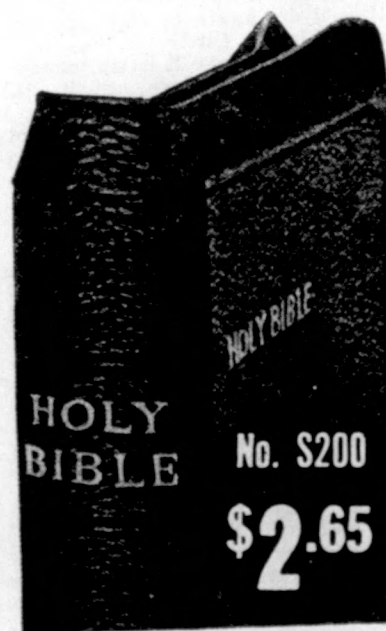
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The last word in the dictionary is "zythum." A correspondent says that so far as he's concerned any woman can have it.

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MRS. FRANCES LIPSEY STEELE

(Address all communications to Mrs. Frances Steele, Magee, Miss.)

My dear children:

With this interesting bunch of letters, you don't need any from me, this time. Be sure to answer Mrs. Cap's Bible questions. Now that schools are closing, I'm expecting to hear from some of you who "haven't had time" to write recently. Tell us what you are doing now, and what your plans are for the summer, for summer is coming, even if it does continue to be cool for a while. We'd like to renew our friendship with many of you who have not written recently, and we'd like to hear from you who've never written to us.

With love,  
Mrs. Frances Steele

## BIBLE STUDY

"Be ye kind" Ephesians 4:32.  
Elisha Shows Kindness.

Elisha was a great and faithful prophet of the Lord. God gave him power to work miracles and many of these wonderful deeds were acts of kindness and helpfulness. One day a woman, the wife of one of the sons of the prophets, came appealing to him. "Your servant, my husband is dead," she cried, "and you know that he served God. But he owed debts that he could not pay and now the man whom he owed has come to take my two sons for the debts and make them his slaves." Elisha asked her "What shall I do for you? Tell me, what do you have in the house?" She answered, "I have only a pot of oil." Then he told her, "Go, borrow all the empty vessels that you can from your neighbors, borrow plenty of them. Then shut yourself and your sons in the house and pour from the pot of oil that you have into the borrowed vessels. When one is full, set it aside, and pour oil into another." The widow did as Elisha told her, borrowed the empty vessels from her neighbors and then went in the house with her sons and shut the door. Her sons brought the empty vessels to her and she poured from her pot of oil into them. Imagine her joy when the oil did not give out. As long as she poured the oil into the vessels, it continued to last. Then she said to her son, "Bring me another vessel, and he answered, 'There is not any more.' They had filled all the borrowed vessels from her small pot of oil. She went and told Elisha, and he said, 'Go, sell the oil and pay the man what your husband owed him, and take the money that is left and buy good for yourself and your children.'"

Wesson, Miss.,  
April 13, 1940.

Dear Mrs. Steele:

This is my first time to write to the Children's Circle. I am ten years old, and I am in the fourth grade. My teacher's name is Miss Barke-meyer. I go to Heucks Retreat Baptist church. Our pastor is brother Lemuel Smith. I am sending ten cents for B. B. I. scholarship.

Your new friend,  
Flo Crawford.

Thank you very much, Flo, for this donation toward the scholarship. We are happy to count you among our friends.—F. L. S.

Merigold, Miss.,  
April 16, 1940.

Dear Mrs. Steele:

This is my first time to write to you, and I would like to join the Children's Circle, if I may.

I go to Morrison Chapel Baptist church. Our pastor's name is Reverend J. W. Sturdivant. He is a grand pastor. I go to B. Y. P. U. almost all the time. I am the president of the Junior class.

Mrs. Steele, I am in the sixth

grade. I am twelve years of age. I go to the Cleveland Grammar school. My teacher is Miss Fox and I like her very much.

I take the Baptist Record every week, and I enjoy reading the Children's Circle.

Mrs. Steele, Roxie Griffin and I are sending our letters together. We decided to write to you and send our letters together.

Your new friend,  
Lelia Marie Shoops.

Lelia, we welcome you to our circle. Shall we give Roxie the credit for your writing to us? Anyhow, we are glad that you are interested.—F. L. S.

Cleveland, Miss.,  
April 16, 1940.

Dear Mrs. Steele:

It has been almost a year since I have written the Circle, so I decided I had better write before I was dropped out.

I go to church almost every Sunday. I am assistant captain of the B. Y. P. U. My teacher is Miss Clarice Conner.

I am in the sixth grade at school and my teacher is Miss Christene Fox. I like her very much.

Enclosed you will find ten cents to be used as you wish.

Your friend,  
Roxie Griffin.

We are pleased to renew our acquaintance with you Roxie, and thank you for your contribution to the Children's Circle causes. Don't wait so long to write again.—F. L. S.

Florence, Miss.,  
April 13, 1940.

Dear Mrs. Steele:

This is my first time to write to the Children's Circle, but I hope it won't be my last. I am a girl twelve years of age and in the sixth grade. We don't have but two more weeks of school. Spring is here at last. Everything is so pretty and green. I saw one of my friends' letter in the Circle and it surprised me so I want to surprise some of my friends. Well I hope my letter isn't too long to put in print.

Your new friend,  
Mildred Harper.

Perhaps your letter will be read by one of your friends and she will be inspired to write—as you were! No telling what may be the result of a good example, is there, Mildred?—F. L. S.

Crosby, Miss.,  
April 13, 1940.

Dear Mrs. Steele:

Here I am again to visit you and the Children's Circle. It has been a long time since I have written. Spring is here at last, but it still is cold. Our school is out in May. I am making good grades in school. I go to Sunday school every Sunday. I am able. I am sending one dollar to be used where you need it most.

With lots of love,  
Peggy Louise O'Neal.

I know you are proud of those good grades, Peggy. I hope you'll always do as well. We are grateful indeed for this fine gift.—F. L. S.

Terry, Miss.,  
April 12, 1940.

Dear Mrs. Steele:

I have been reading the Children's Circle for quite a while, so I decided to write.

I am twelve years of age, and I have blue eyes and brown hair.

Isn't everything beautiful, the flowers, the trees and everything?

I hope to see my letter in print as I want to surprise my friends.

Your new friend,  
Mary Sue Tucker.

You are right, Mary Sue, the world is beautiful now. We must not forget to thank God for the beauty around us.—F. L. S.

Ocean Springs, Miss.,  
April 12, 1940.

Dear Mrs. Steele and Circle:

Here I am with my little mite, hoping this will find all the members of the Circle well and enjoying this glorious springtime with its gladness, sunshine, birds, bees, and flowers. The air is filled with songs of birds, hum of bees, and odors of green and growing trees, shrubs and flowers, after the bite of freeze and frost, and old Jack surely did bite plenty hard while he was at it.

As I have not seen a letter from anyone regarding birds or flowers, may I say a few words in answer to your request. Just a few weeks ago my yard was aglow with white narcissi and yellow daffodils. Now there are amaryllis, spider lilies, roses, verbena and carnations. Next will come gladiolas. O yes, and the "Little Johnnie Jump ups under the trees,

He laughs in the sunshine,

He nods in the breeze.

Little Johnnie Jump up, some people call him pansy,

Johnnie doesn't care a bit, follow out your fancy."

Please divide my offering thus, \$1.00 to crippled children, 50c to B. B. I. and 50c to orphans.

As I have not seen any Bible quiz lately, I will give one. Who broke the first commandment or who was the first person to break the ten commandments, and who killed Sisera?

With best wishes,  
Mrs. Cap.

Mrs. Cap, as always, we are glad to hear from you. We thank you for this interesting letter and your gracious gifts.—F. L. S.

Coopersville, Miss.,  
April 18, 1940

Dear Mrs. Steele:

This is my first time to write to the Children's Circle.

I am a little girl eleven years old, November the 18th is my birthday. I am in the sixth grade, and my school teacher's name is Miss Julia Cooper. I like her very much and she is a very good teacher.

I surely do enjoy going to Sunday School and church. I go almost every Sunday. Our pastor's name is Rev. Mack Hughes. I like him too. I hope my letter will miss the waste basket. I am sending five cents to the orphanage.

Your new friend,  
Willie Mae Bradshaw.

It is a pleasure to add your gift to the orphanage contributions, Willie Mae; it is also a pleasure to add your name to the Children's Circle. Thanks.—F. L. S.

Morton, Miss.,  
April 17, 1940.

Dear Mrs. Steele:

I am a little girl in the fourth grade. I will be in the fifth next year. Our school is out. I go to school at Morton and my teacher's name is Mrs. Olis Ott.

I enjoy going to Sunday School, and go nearly every Sunday. I enjoy preaching too and go to preaching every preaching day. My pastor's name is Mr. Mack Hughes.

I enjoy the Children's Circle very much. I like the read the Baptist Record. I am sending five cents for the orphanage. I hope my letter won't go to the waste basket.

Your new writer,  
Thelma Maxine Bradshaw.  
Your letter is headed straight toward the Children's Circle page and your money toward the orphanage fund. Thank you very much Maxine.—F. L. S.

Poplarville, Miss.,  
April 13, 1940.

Dear Mrs. Steele:

Will you let a little girl eleven years old join your circle of children? This is my first time to try to write you. I enjoy reading the

children's page every week. Our church has the Every Family Plan.

I go to Sunday School every Sunday. My teacher is Mrs. Burne Seal. Our pastor is Rev. Eli Calahan. I go to the Bethel church.

I am in the fifth grade at school. We have one more week to go to school. We have D. V. B. S. every summer. I like it fine.

I am sending 10c to use where most needed.

Your friend,  
Dorothy Humphrey.

By now you are enjoying your vacation, I hope, Dorothy. Perhaps you can find heaps of ways to help mother this summer as well as heaps of ways to have a good time, and the first thing you know, it will be school time again. We appreciate your gift and thank you.—F. L. S.

Tocopolia, Miss.,  
April 11, 1940.

Dear Mrs. Steele:

I am a little girl eight years old. I go to Sunday School every Sunday. I can. My Sunday School teacher is Mrs. Pickens.

I am in the third grade. My teacher is Mrs. J. C. Hinton.

This is my first time to write to the Children's Circle. I like it very much. I am sending a dime.

Lots of love,  
Clementine Sanders.

Your dime is going to help for our orphan children and help prepare Miss Annie Lourie McLellan to be a better christian worker. That's why we are grateful to you. Clinette.—F. L. S.

Forest, Miss.,  
April 13, 1940.

Dear Mrs. Steele:

This is my first time to write to the Children's Circle. I enjoy reading the children's letters. I am seven years old and in the second grade. I go to Sunday School every Sunday. Please print this because I want to surprise my daddy and grandmother.

I am sending ten cents to be used where it is most needed. I will try to write again.

With lots of love,  
Addie Lucy Stegall.

You may tell that Daddy and Grandmother when you show them your letter that we are mighty glad to have you in our circle and that we appreciate your gift very much. Addie Lucy.—F. L. S.

Glendale, Miss.,  
April 15, 1940.

Hello Mrs. Steele and Circle:

Will ring in a short while. This is my first letter to the circle. I enjoy reading the letters so much I never miss a copy. I am a little girl eight years old in the second grade. I go to school at Eatonville High School. My teacher is Miss George Hobgood. She is so sweet to all of us. I go to church at Glendale Baptist church and Sunday School too. Our pastor is Rev. L. C. Holcomb. We like him so much. I will try to write again.  
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# Baptist Training Union

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## Requests For Awards Come Rolling In

We rejoice over the results of March study course efforts. From the looks of things now it seems that this March will prove to be the best study course month we have ever had. The requests for awards are still coming in. Last week we had requests for 700, perhaps the largest single week's request in our history. We find every year that many unions have a study course and never report it, let's not let that happen this year. If your union has had a course, send us the request for awards. If you do not have a blank drop us a card and we will send you one, you will need one for each book taught.

## The Program For The District Conventions Is Ready

The program for the District Conventions is ready. We will have a party of six traveling from one convention to the other. In a week or two we will be mailing programs out to all unions and pastors. You will be delighted with the set up. Special features include special music by the ensemble made up of piano, xylophone, and trombone; chalk talk meditations, and vocal solos. The conference period on methods and life problems, the general conference with demonstrations, and the messages by our missionary will give us a full day climaxed with moving pictures of Ridgecrest and some of our denominational work.

## Farmhaven Organizes Four Unions

Farmhaven church in Madison County had with them several Sundays ago brother and Mrs. Frank Lee, students in Hillman and Mississippi Colleges. Bro. Lee preached for them, and finding the church with no Training Union took advantage of the opportunity and helped them to organize. Four unions were started, a Junior, Intermediate, Young People's, and Adult. Sixty-five were present for the organization. They were happy to have this interest shown in them and promise to continue to add members and thus reach the church membership for training in church membership.

## Chason Church, Wayne County, Has First B. Y. P. U. In History

Yes, it can be done! That is what brother Paul Ball says, and backs up the saying with proof. The Chason church in Wayne County had never had a union, but that did not mean they could not, no sir. Bro. Ball knew they should have an organization for the members of the church to receive training in, so he speaks to them about the B. Y. P. U. They were glad to follow his leading and the result is a B. Y. P. U., the first in the history of the church. May the Lord bless them,

and through this organization bring new life and missionary spirit to the church and community.

## A. B. Jones Goes To Tate Street, Corinth, Two Unions Result

Brother A. B. Jones, one time Associational Training Union Director for Marshall County has recently accepted the pastorate of the Tate Street Church, Corinth. Among the first things he did was to re-start the Training Union work. Two unions have already been organized, an Intermediate with Russell Tate as leader, and a Young People's with Miss Bernice Dalton as counselor. We congratulate these young people on this new effort to give to them an opportunity to grow in grace. May the Lord bless the church and help in the completion of the Training Union set up.

## S. S. AND B. T. U. ATTENDANCE

Jackson, First	1160
" Griffith	777 384
" Calvary	1037 153
" Northside	195 38
" Southside	111 83
" Van Winkle	131 102
Clinton	390
Picayune	347 88
" Brotherhood—32	
Newton	237 84
Main Street	427 157
McComb, First	482 105
Sardis	146 51
Immanuel, Hattiesburg	147 106
Second Ave., Laurel	470
Bethlehem, Jones	109 53
Clarksdale	591 175
Springfield, Morton	180
Pace	101 76
Vicksburg, First	633 211
State Line	90 47
Pascagoula	378 146
Courtland	114
Webb	70
Crossroads, Webster	60
West Laurel	596 255
Concord	119
Riverside Church	37 40
Oldtown, Calhoun Co.	117
Crystal Springs	326 132
Beaumont	24
Heuck's Retreat	87
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A series of workers conferences has brought great blessings to the Mexican mission churches in Texas, according to Rev. J. L. Moye, missionary of the Home Mission Board.

Recently fourteen churches were represented in a conference at McAllen, and twenty in a similar meeting at San Antonio, with four other conferences scheduled at Houston, El Paso, Sweetwater, and Dalas.

Writing of the meeting at San Antonio, Brother Moye says, "This was by far the highest spiritual hour I have been privileged to witness among our Mexican brethren."

## MISSISSIPPI MISSES AT SO. BAPTIST HOSPITAL

Among the student nurses now at the Southern Baptist Hospital in New Orleans are the following from Mississippi:

Misses Frances Cunningham, Moss Point; Ruby Rasmussen, Moss Point; Irene McCardle, Picayune; Margaret Burkett, Hattiesburg; Catherine Lennep, Pascagoula; Hazel Brister, Brookhaven; Lerline Smith, Poplarville; Sybil Johnson, Poplarville; Evelyn Guess, Wesson; Anna Virginia McLeod, Lucedale; Dorothy Lowe, Wanilla; Mamie K. Starnes, Hazlehurst; Exelyn Hedrick, Hattiesburg; Werlein Cole, Summit; Nelmai Cook, McComb; Camille Burris, Smithdale; Nell Redmond, Magnolia; Mary Blanche Boone, Hattiesburg; Sara Frances Ford, Hazlehurst; Dorris Young, Crystal Springs; Jessie Mae Curry, Woodville; Hilda Rene Lenoir, McComb; Barbara Noble, Utica; Joyce Van Osdol, Pascagoula; Cleste A. Smith, Laurel; Merle K. Wilson, McComb; Beorgene Brumfield, McComb; Mary Virginia Ratcliff, McComb; Dean Vaughn, Hattiesburg; Alma B. Whitfield, Picayune.

There are also students from Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Texas, Colorado, and Wisconsin.

## JONES JUNIOR COLLEGE ELECTS B. S. U. COUNCIL FOR 1940-41 SESSION

At a recent meeting of the Baptist students of Jones County Junior College, Ellisville, Mississippi, officers were elected to serve on the B. S. U. Council during the 40-41 session. Billy Watson of Ellisville was re-elected to serve as President, with the following officers cooperating in the promoting of Baptist Student Union activities and ideals on the campus:

First Vice-President, Foye Giles, Waynesboro, Miss.  
Second Vice-President, Kathleen Ishee, Louin, Miss.  
Third Vice-President, Eloise Huff, Laurel, Miss.  
Fourth Vice-President, Jimmie Todd, Ellisville, Miss.  
Secretary, Mary Helon Craft, Taylorsville, Miss.  
Treasurer, Mildred Richardson, West Enterprise, Miss.  
Chorister, Billy Hilbun, Ellisville, Miss.  
Pianist, Anne Katherine Lewis, Laurel, Miss.  
B. T. U. Representative, Johnnie Keyes, Bay Springs, Miss.  
Sunday School Representative, Harold Hardee, Pachuta, Miss.  
Baptist Student Magazine Representative, Cleston Armstrong, Ellisville, Miss.  
Extension Director, Elton Thomas, Ellisville, Miss.  
High School Representative, Charles Bardwell, Ellisville, Miss.  
Y. W. C. A. Representative, Onnie Laurie Shows, Soso, Miss.  
Reported, Mamie Clay, Starkville, Miss.  
Y. W. A. President, Jean Byrd, Neely, Miss.

## IN MEMORIAM

Mrs. J. H. Harvey, died April 16, 1940. The light she shed abroad during her 73 years here on earth will shine on. To know her was to love her. She had been a Faithful member of the Baptist church for 42 years. Her membership was with Siwel church at the time of her death. We miss her, yet we know she has a better home over there.

She is survived by her husband; seven children, five boys and two girls, a number of grandchildren. To these we wish to say she cannot come back, but you can all meet again where the circle cannot be broken.

Mrs. L. M. Lott.

## CHILDREN'S CIRCLE

(Continued from page 12)

send money to the orphanage soon.

Lots of love,  
Minice Hudgins.

Minice, we are glad to have your letter so that other members of the circle may enjoy it, as you have enjoyed theirs. Come to see us often.—F. L. S.

Dumas, Miss.,  
April 12, 1940.

Dear Mrs. Steele:

I am a little girl twelve years old and have passed to the eight grade. Our school was out last Friday. My birthday is June 23. Who is my twin? I go to Sunday School every Sunday. I live just about thirty-five steps from the church. I joined the Dumas Baptist church two years ago.

Well, Miss Spring is just around the corner, and the trees are putting on their new coats of green. I hope my letter will escape the waste basket this time. I want all the members of the circle to write me.

Your new friend,  
Ollie Jewell Gober.

Ollie Jewel, Congratulations on your good year's work and promotion to the next grade! You certainly are convient to the church. You just can't help going when you are that close.—F. L. S.

Geography Teacher: "Now, class, remember Iceland is about as large as Siam."

Johnny (in test paper): "Iceland is about as large as teacher."

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## ORDAINED TO WITNESS

A Sermon

By Rev. Maxie Nelson

"Then let them use the office of a deacon" (I Tim. 3:10).

I want you to think with me on this subject, Ordained To Witness. We are here by order of this church for the purpose of ordaining two deacons. I am thinking of the deacon as a man ordained to witness for God.

## I. Witnessing Through Himself

The deacon is ordained to witness through himself. It is a great work, and deacons should prepare themselves for this great work. They should prepare themselves both mentally and spiritually. Mental preparation will take study. First, a study of God's Word. In His Word you will find your qualifications and duties. You will find the plan of salvation. You will find what God expects of his people. Deacons should study books on deaconship. I will recommend the book on "Deaconship" by Dr. P. E. Burroughs of the Sunday School Board. There are many other good books on the subject. Again, deacons should study their own fields. Jesus said, "Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields, for they are white already unto harvest" (John 4:35). Deacons need to study the physical equipment needs, the people's need, their pastor's needs, and the world needs.

Spiritually, you as deacons should seek to be like Christ. Your walk should be worthy. Above all, your life should be an example for others to follow. Your prayer life should never be neglected. Without prayer you will not be prepared to witness effectively through yourself.

After preparation a deacon should work. It is a shame for the men of our churches to neglect God's work as they do. Our women through the W. M. U. are doing a noble work for the Master. We men should praise them for it. Yet we should do something about it ourselves. The deacon should work in raising funds for the church, in ministering to the poor, and in winning the lost to Christ. In money matters he should be an example and that example should be nothing less than a tither. The seven were set aside by the church to minister to the poor widows, allowing the apostles to give their full time to prayer and the preaching of the Gospel. Philip, and doubtless the others, was alert to soul-winning opportunities. How many deacons in Lawrence County have won as many as one lost soul to Christ? What, none? I am afraid this is about true. How many deacons visit in the name of the church? Deacons, you need to do sacrificial work for Christ's sake.

Miss Nell Putney has been a missionary to China for fourteen years. Her home was in Virginia. Miss Inabelle Coleman said this when I asked her if the missionaries tithed: "I don't know whether all of them tithe or not, but I would say that most of them go even further than a tithe."

Miss Nell Putney, at the time of my visit to China, was supporting herself and six Chinese pastors out of a salary of \$66.66 monthly. At the time she was anemic and I told

her that she must eat more food. She said, "I can't, for there is such a need for our work to go on." What happened? She was trying to live off of \$15.00 a month, dividing the remainder among the native workers. Pneumonia took her home because she was not able to resist the disease sufficiently."

What a sacrifice! Ahe you willing to sacrifice for Christ's kingdom work?

## II. Ordained To Witness Through His Church

The deacon's God-given privilege and duty is to witness through his church. He may do this by being a worthy trustee of God's house, by providing equipment which is a testimony itself of your church's love for Christ, by raising funds to finance God's kingdom work, and by ministering to the poor and needy of your community.

If God's people would tithe as they ought we would not have to worry about money to finance the Lord's work, and our people would be a happier people and more prosperous.

A little while ago a church of which I was pastor made up a purse of ten dollars to give to a young man in the community dying with T. B. It fell my lot to carry this gift to this home. When I got there the widowed mother was sitting over her suffering boy. He asked me to read the Bible and have prayer. I then gave the mother the money. She showed it to her young son. He said in a low voice as he gasped for breath, "Mother, give him a dollar of it, my tithe." I said, "George, I am able to work and you are not, so keep it." He said, "No, God has been good enough to give me ten dollars, and I want to give a tenth back to Him." This preacher left with that testimony, and since that day I have been a tither.

## III. Ordained To Witness Through His Pastor

A deacon is ordained to witness through his pastor. He witnesses through his pastor by relieving him of some responsibilities so that the pastor will have more time for prayer and the ministry of the Word. The pastor should be relieved of the financial responsibilities of the church as well as personal finances. When you help your pastor financially and through his ministry a soul is won to Christ, you have had a part in soul-winning. If you fail to support your pastor financially you are hurting the cause of Christ. The preacher must live of the Gospel and it is your duty as deacons to see to it that your pastor has a reasonable living. "How shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach except they be sent?" Rom. 11:14.

There is not a deacon in Lawrence County who would work a mule without properly feeding him and equipping him with adequate gear. Why not be as considerate of your pastor? Do you expect your pastor to serve your church without being adequately clothed and fed? I trust not.

There are other ways by which you as deacons may witness through your pastor. You can speak an en-

couraging word to him, appreciate his high calling, be a good hearer when he preaches, pray for him daily. Yours is a large field. "Magnify thine office!"

## FIRST CHURCH, COLUMBUS

The Columbus First Baptist Church was organized in 1832, the charter members being Major Blewitt, McGees, Gibsons and the Warrens. They were several years without a house of worship, services being held in the Masonic Temple which was located on the Blewitt lot where Lee High School building is now located. The other denominations, with the exception of the Methodist, who had the only church building in town, held their services in the Franklin Academy. The membership of the church increased so greatly under Dr. Geo. Tucker the first pastor, that the church decided to build the original building in 1938. The site where the present building stands was selected for the original building site. The price paid was \$5,000, with nothing on the lot but a little log cabin, which was literally a bower of old fashioned multiflora roses and occupied at the time by Miss Maria Morse who had an infant school. The principal contributors to the original building were Major Blewitt, Gov. Whitfield, the Gibsons, Blounts, Armstrongs, Walthalls, Harrisons, Dr. Mayo, Dr. Jones, Mr. Marquis, Wm. Whitfield, Sr., Mr. Canfield, Jno. Morgan, Sr., Dr. Taliaferro and the Kreckers. Major Blewitt presented the old bell in the original building which same bell is used in the present building. The original silver communion service was a gift of Major Blewitt and was added to by Mrs. Eugenia Moore. After the battle of Shiloh when thousands of wounded soldiers were brought to Columbus the church was converted into a hospital. The elegant carpet was taken up and cut into squares for use as blankets for the soldiers. In 1881 the Southern Baptist Convention met in our church. In 1908 the membership had grown to more than 700 members and it was decided that the old building was not large enough. The old building was torn down and the present main building was erected. The organ in the present building cost \$3,000, one half of this amount being contributed by Andrew Carnegie. The carpet in this building was donated by A. D. Brown, one of the founders of the Hamilton Brown Shoe Co. In 1892 a religious census revealed that 3,500 people preferred First Baptist Church and on March 25, 1928 the church in conference decided to build the new educational building. The actual building operations began in 1929 and the building was opened for use on December 14, 1930.

—First Baptist Evangel.

A teacher asked the class to name the states of the United States. One child responded so promptly and accurately as to bring forth this comment from the teacher: "You did very well—much better than I could have done at your age."

"Yes, you could," said the child consolingly, "there were only fifteen then."

## BAPTIST BIBLE INSTITUTE

The school year 1939-40 in the Baptist Bible Institute has been a very encouraging one. The total enrollment has reached 262, and the work done by the students has been definitely on the upgrade. Several of the graduate students are expected to receive the degree of Doctor of Theology, at the commencement in May; while larger numbers will be receiving the degrees of Master of Theology and Master of Christian Training. Altogether some twenty-five men will be ready to enter definitely into the Lord's service wherever He may call. Of this number seven are from Mississippi.

Our brethren at large will be interested in the fact that three of our fine couples will go before the Foreign Mission Board in April, and are expecting to go to foreign fields in the fall. Brother and Mrs. James Belote are applying to be sent to China. Brother Belote is now doing graduate work in B. B. I. Brother and Mrs. D. F. Askew are expecting to be sent to Syria. Brother Askew is completing this year's work for the degree of Master of Theology. Brother and Mrs. R. Carlisle, Jr., will likely go to South America. Brother Carlisle is also receiving this year the degree of Master of Theology.

Our hearts rejoice as we realize that these three couples, among the best we have ever had in B. B. I., are answering the Lord's call to foreign fields. But we rejoice also in these fine young men who are to give their strength and support at the home base. It is great to be in the service of our Master, and to realize that our field is the world. May the Lord give us of his provision, and of his own passion for the salvation of the world. We rejoice in the opportunities for service in B. B. I.

P. H. Anderson

## STUDY COURSE AT SHORT CREEK CHURCH

The B. Y. P. U. of Short Creek Church sponsored a study course recently. The text book used was the Senior B. Y. P. U. Manual and was taught in five lessons by Miss Evelyn Russum. The program culminated with a social which was attended by 38 persons. Twelve persons took the course and received credit. They were as follows: Miss Bertha Harris, Vivian Jones, Willie Ruth Cleveland, Louise Lammons, Inez Waaser, Mrs. John Wight, Mrs. J. R. Norwood, Mrs. Lee Lammons, Mrs. Hilary Ivers, John Wight, Lee Lammons, Robert Waaser and L. V. Martin.

This is another indication that Short Creek Church is progressing in spirit and practice.

—J. T. Griffin, Reporter.

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WOODVILLE

Missionary Day was observed Sunday, April 7th, with record-breaking attendance and a high spiritual tide. Miss Pauline Cheung, a student at the Baptist Bible Institute from Canton, China, brought a very inspiring message at the morning service and spoke again to the B. T. U. in the evening. Miss Cheung has the distinction of having been educated in a denominational school from the kindergarten through the university and seminary.

Miss Hannah Plowden, former missionary to China and now dean of women at the Baptist Bible Institute, brought the message for the evening service. She is a charming speaker and desires that all people everywhere might come to a saving knowledge of the Lord. Our people were mightily stirred and a new missionary zeal was created among us.

We have just closed a B. T. U. study course week. There was a large group to complete the work and enjoy the banquet that was given as a partial reward for their labors.

We are indebted to our director, S. J. Randall, Mrs. Randall and Miss Kathryn Perkins for leading the B. T. U. and doing the teaching in the study course.

Brother C. M. Day, the pastor of the Liberty Baptist Church, was with us for the banquet and brought the inspirational address which inspired our hearts and encouraged us to do better work.

T. J. Delaughter, Pastor.

SOUTHSIDE BAPTIST CHURCH, JACKSON

Sunday brought to a close an 8-day revival at Southside Baptist Church, Jackson, Miss. Every service was an inspiration. The morning attendance was small, because most of the people were at work, but there was a fine spirit. Some of our best services were the morning services. Every evening the house was filled. The last service the house was filled, so some of the men went out and got chairs from the homes, some stood where they could find standing room. The stairway was filled with children sitting on the steps. Every service was a great inspiration.

Brother Thurman Booth loves the Lord and lost souls. He won the love of the people at Southside.

There were twenty additions during the eight days.

The Southside church will be eight months old the seventh of April.

We have a great field and need your prayers. Pray with and for us and the Master's work here.

Percy M. Cooper.

A SUCCESSFUL CHURCH  
T. Grady Nanney  
Broadman Press—\$1.00

Affectionately dedicating these sermons to the members of his own church, Pastor Nanney writes out of his study and experience on a subject which constitutes at once the ambition and the joy of pastor and people. Using the New Testament background and the church at Antioch as the model, the author

describes the successful church as divinely planted and scripturally organized, composed of a distinct membership, led by a good minister and some good laymen. Such a church will be spirit-guided, evangelistic, missionary, spiritual, prayerful, cooperative, and sound in finances. In most practical fashion, the author goes into every detail of church life, setting forth the strong points, the weaknesses, and the desired aims of modern churches—sparing neither preacher nor layman in his observations. The volume is characterized by sense which every reader would gladly appropriate.

—John L. Hill, Book Editor  
Baptist S. S. Board—4/10/40.

HERMANVILLE

The Lord is blessing the work at Hermanville. The Church Loyalty Crusade is getting results. The EF plan has recently been adopted. The Woman's Missionary Society was recently reorganized with much interest and enthusiasm manifested. On Sunday, April 14, Senior and Junior Baptist Training Unions were organized. Officers chosen as follows: Mrs. Myrtle Godwin, president of W. M. S.; Terrell Davis, president of Senior B. T. U.; Alene Stephens, vice president; Hooker Ray Boren, secretary; Cleo Stephens, treasurer; Walter Thedford, Bible reader's leader; Herman Dugan and Nell Davis, group captains; Mrs. C. V. Jones, leader for Juniors.

There are many good Christian people at Hermanville. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Coen have the prophets room, and the pastor has a home with them when in Hermanville. The pastor is much encouraged as a result of the progress.

—Pastor.

GIVING FOOD TO THE PERISHING

"What is a New Testament?" asked a girl in the sixth grade of one of the public schools in Texas. She had never attended a Sunday school or church, and had never heard of Jesus, the Saviour of the world.

It is just such boys and girls in the mountain and pioneer schools that are being reached by The Bible Institute Colportage Association of Chicago, founded by D. L. Moody in 1884, through its Missionary Book Funds. According to the annual reports of these funds, the association distributed no less than 766,271 copies of its colportage books, evangel booklets, scripture portions and gospel tracts in these schools, with the cooperation of the teachers. New Testaments were awarded those pupils who read the Gospel of John and the Pocket Treasury, and memorized some 36 verses which make plain the need and the way of salvation.

"But I am such a great sinner; you don't know how bad a sinner I am," exclaimed a woman in one of the hospitals in St. Louis. A copy of Horton's Gospel of John with helps was given her to read and the worker went on his way. The next week when the worker returned a great change was noted; she was

born again—a new creature in Christ Jesus. The woman was rejoicing in Jesus Christ as her personal Saviour, giving evidence that God's word had not returned void. The entrance of His Word had given light, life and liberty.

These amounts, together with 1,094,389 copies sent out by means of nineteen other Missionary Book Funds, make a grand total of 2,676,994 evangelical books, scripture portions and gospel tracts distributed freely by the association during the year in its endeavor to evangelize different classes of needy people. These funds include several foreign countries such as Africa, India, Latin America, Philippine Islands and Spain. New interest has been manifested during the year in the colored people of the South, to which 71,177 copies were mailed. "But what are they among so many?" There is great need of helping the negro population of America, who are ensnared by religious cults.

CLARA

Our paper is coming into every Baptist home in the Baptist church at Clara, Miss., but strange to say, we have never had a reporter to write any news for us, so the church has asked me to make a report of some of the work we are trying to do, as to our Sunday school work and on our B. T. U. County Associational work.

The Sunday school spirit is of the finest type that we have ever known in the church, and for this we give God the praise, for the answering of prayers. All classes are well attended. Special mention is made of

the Adult class, that is conducted by their able leader, brother Sam W. Cochran. This class consists of from 30 to 50, both men and women, their average is 35, which is a fine sized class for the best work. As a result of the spirit and fellowship of the teacher and class, brother Sam gave to the class a special supper, had our pastor and his wife as special guests, as a result, one of the most pleasant social hours in all of our history.

The Quarterly B. T. U. Association met at State Line on the first Sunday in April; good attendance from all the B. T. U.'s in the county, and to my mind, one of the most interesting programs rendered in all of our associational work.

Clara B. T. U. tried, in a small way, to show to the teachers in our local schools that are going to leave us in a day days, how we appreciate them and their fine work in all phases of our church and community enterprises. Yours for the Lord.

N. L. Shoemaker

Teacher: "Johnny, you have been to the zoo so you know what an octopus is. Can you tell the class?"

Johnny: "They didn't have any octopus at the zoo, but it must be a cat with eight sides."

Boaster: "Yes, when I was in Africa a lion ran across my path. I had no gun in my hand so I took a pail of water and poured it over his head and he ran away."

Bored Listener: "I can vouch for that. I was in Africa at the time and the lion ran into me, and when I stroked his mane it was still quite damp."

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### THE TAYLOR MISSION

An Editorial From The Christian Science Monitor, Boston, Mass., February 29, 1940.

With diplomatic and ecclesiastical ceremony, Pope Pius XII has received Myron C. Taylor as President Roosevelt's special peace envoy. In his personal message to the Pope, Mr. Roosevelt speaks carefully of "my representative," apparently differentiating Mr. Taylor from any regular diplomatic agent. Yet from Rome come reports that the Vatican intends to treat the envoy like "other ambassadors, duly accredited," and much is made of the Taylor mission in its "larger ecclesiastical perspective."

Osservatore Romano, the Vatican newspaper, enthusiastically reviews relations between the Church of Rome and the United States and puts a high estimate on the present move:

That first faraway encounter of minds, intentions and desires between Rome and the original thirteen States, between Pius VI and Franklin, between (Bishop) Carroll (of Maryland) and Washington, enduring and maturing through the experience of 160 years, has now reached its culmination.

All of which leaves millions of Americans much less than satisfied about the whole project.

Some of those who think no objection should be raised to Mr. Taylor's mission on the ground that it recognizes a combination of State and church declare he is simply going as an envoy to the Vatican State. But the United States does not send Ambassadors to Andorra or Luxembourg or any other tinp plot of land called a State. President Roosevelt put the appointment on religious grounds when it was made, and tried to avoid objections by making certain gestures toward Protestant and Jewish groups at the same time. Mr. Taylor plainly goes as an envoy to the head of a church.

Such phrases as "resumption of relations" naturally creep into Roman accounts. Some 15,000,000 Americans represented by Baptist, Lutheran, and Seventh-Day Adventist churches have protested the mission as a step toward formal diplomatic recognition of the Papacy. The concern of these citizens was not ended by President Roosevelt's assurances to their spokesmen, and will not be lessened by the Vatican's reception of Mr. Taylor. This very alertness—if continued—should prevent any formal resumption of relations.

The honest doubts held by many Americans as to whether keeping a "channel of information" open between the White House and Vatican will promote peace should not be dismissed as "bigotry." Many thoughtful students of the mental conflicts underlying today's wars believe that the remedy lies in maintaining freedom for the individual as against either State or church. Any combination of both is especially feared. The Baptists, in their protest to the President, said, "To deprive any soul of his rights of direct access to God is to usurp the prerogatives of the individual."

Political activities of the Church of Rome, such as support of Franco in Spain, are particularly distrusted by those who have noticed the strength of fascistic thinking in Roman Catholic communities such as Quebec and Latin America. A few months ago the New Republic said: "There is ground for fear that the dominant Catholic tendency lies in the direction of totalitarian government of its own variety." Here is one of the roots of the uneasiness which Taylor's mission has aroused. The Vatican reception, emphasizing the ecclesiastical connection with America, will only increase that apprehension. The basic ambiguity of the envoy's position has not been cleared up. It must necessarily weaken his efforts for peace.

**VAN WINKLE:** We had the pleasure of hearing Miss Moonbeam Tong and Miss Pauline Cheung, Chinese students of Baptist Bible Institute, speak Sunday night. Miss Sheung gave an interesting talk on the customs of Chinese people and also on the conversion of her grandfather who came to America many years ago. Miss Tong gave an inspirational talk about her childhood in a Chinese Christian home and told of how grateful she was for this, as her father was converted at the age of fourteen at a mission church in Canton, China. These girls were awarded scholarships to B. B. I. where they have been for the past three years. They will sail in May for China where they have jobs waiting for them, teaching in girls' schools. We know the responsibility that rests on their shoulders as they carry the word of God back to their people and we are asked to pray for them.... Reporter.

### NEW MISSIONARIES

Twenty-six new missionaries representing eleven states were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention April 10th at the semi-annual meeting. They will go to China, Africa, Japan, Palestine and South America.

Executive Secretary, Charles E. Maddy presented the appeal of the people of Honolulu for missionaries. The Board asked Dr. Maddy to spend his summer vacation in the Hawaiian Islands investigating the needs and opportunities in view of making recommendations for promoting missionary work in Hawaii.

The treasurer, E. P. Buxton, of the Foreign Mission Board reported for the first quarter of 1940 a total increase of \$24,000.00 over the same period last year. "Gifts for March were \$77,294.00 which is one of the highest monthly records we have made," stated the treasurer.

"The women of the South have already turned in \$327,000.00 for the special Lottie Moon Memorial Christmas Offering for foreign missions. Their goal was only \$200,000," said Mr. Buxton.

A Spanish translation of *Helping Others to Become Christians* by Roland Q. Leavell, Home Mission Board's superintendent of evangelism, has been made by Rev. A. B. Howell, professor of Bible homiletics in the Spanish-American Baptist Seminary in Los Angeles.

### EMMA LEACHMAN CIRCLE AT ELLISVILLE

The Emma Leachman Circle met in the home of Mrs. C. R. Stringer Monday afternoon, April 15th. The reception suite was attractive with colorful spring floyers.

Mrs. H. C. Waltman, circle chairman, presided and the meeting was opened with the members repeating the W. M. U. watchword. Mrs. Robert Smith led in prayer.

The theme of the program was "My Responsibility For Social Justice, Be Ye Kind." Mrs. C. R. Stringer conducted the devotional reading Luke 6:27-38.

Prayer for a more vital consideration of others was led by Mrs. M. E. Ward.

The following story was told by Mrs. H. C. Waltman.

"Long, long ago when this country was newly settled, an Indian came to the inn at Litchfield, Conn., and asked for food saying that he had no money with which to pay for it. The hostess drove him away: but as the disappointed Indian was leaving, a man who was sitting near by asked the woman to give the Indian what he wanted, saying that he would pay for it.

Supper being ended, the Indian thanked the man who had given it to him saying that he would some day repay him for his kindness. Years passed by: and during an attack on the town of Litchfield, the kind hearted settler was taken prisoner by a hostile tribe of Indians and carried off to Canada.

One day when the prisoner was wondering if he should ever see his home again, a strange Indian came to him, giving him a gun, he bade the white man follow him.

The Indian did not tell him where they were going or what his object was; but day after day the captive followed his mysterious guide, until one afternoon they came upon cultivated fields and houses rising among them. "Do you know this place?" asked the Indian.

"Oh yes! It is Litchfield," cried the white man joyfully.

The Indian explained, "I am the starving Indian on whom, at this very place, you took pity; and now I have paid for my supper. I bid you go home."

There are times when a kind deed is not hard to perform and may mean a great deal to the person who receives it."

Prayer was led by Mrs. H. F. Townley.

In keeping with the program theme "Be Ye Kind" the poem "An Answer To Prayer" was read by Mrs. H. A. Dunahoo.

Personal service work for the month is a Magazine Shower for the State School.

Roll call was answered with members quoting favorite passages of scripture.

Minutes were read by Mrs. H. A. Dunahoo, secretary.

At the tea hour the hostess served a very delectable salad course, angel food cake, and coffee.

Major (giving lessons to recruits on the mountain warfare): "This particular pass can only be crossed by asses and mules. I know. I speak from experience."

### RESOLUTION OF DRUID HILLS BAPTIST CHURCH

Atlanta, Georgia

WHEREAS, the President of the United States did, on December 21, 1939, announce the appointment of a 'personal representative' to the Vatican, and

WHEREAS, subsequent developments have established the fact that the President's appointment of a 'personal representative' to the Vatican has not been authorized by the Congress; that his expenses are to be paid by the government; that he is to report from time to time to this government; that his term of appointment is unlimited; that the Vatican has officially received him and has listed his name in the pontifical directory for 1940 as an ambassador of the United States; and that permanent offices have been opened by the 'personal representative' to the Vatican with a staff of secretaries in a city where already the United States has a duly appointed ambassador, and

WHEREAS, this action on the part of the President of the United States appears to be in direct violation of the First Amendment to the Constitution of the United States, which reads, "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof," and

WHEREAS, this action further appears to jeopardize the cherished principle of complete separation of church and state for which our fathers suffered that we might enjoy religious liberty, Therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the members of the Druid Hills Baptist Church, of Atlanta, Georgia, at the regular monthly conference of the church, this the 10th day of April, 1940,

First, that we heartily commend the effort of the President and all other Americans in seeking by every rightful method and measure to promote the peace of the world and to alleviate human suffering, and

Second, that we do most earnestly protest the action of the President in his appointment of a 'personal representative' to the Vatican, just as we would protest such an appointment to any other religious body in the world, and

Third, that we petition the President of the United States to immediately recall this appointment.

Louie D. Newton, Moderator  
Horace A. Hixon, Clerk.

Unanimously adopted in regular church conference, this April 10, 1940.

New mission property or additions to old buildings has been made possible on five mission fields in Cuba through the Bottoms Trust Fund, according to Dr. M. N. McCall, superintendent of the Home Mission Board's work in the island. Latest structure to be started on the island in this building program is a new church at Caiabrien, which will cost \$6,500.00

In recent months mission buildings have been acquired in Palmira, Ranchuelo, and Taguayabon, while two office rooms were added for the free clinical work in Cardenas.

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